



COUNCIL AGENDA: 04-10-07
ITEM: 3.4

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Lee Price, City Clerk

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION ON ETHICS IN
RESPONSE TO REED REFORM #26

DATE: March 28, 2007

RECOMMENDATION

As recommended by the Rules Committee on March 28, 2007, accept Staff's proposed presentation on ethics to the Council in response to Reed Reform #26 previously submitted to and approved by the Rules & Open Government Committee.



Memorandum

TO: RULES & OPEN GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

FROM: Les White
Rick Doyle

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO SET ETHICS
TRAINING AT COUNCIL
MEETING ON APRIL 10, 2007

DATE: March 22, 2007

RECOMMENDATION

Accept staff's proposed presentation on ethics to the Council in response to Reed Reform #26: "Hold regular public hearings on ethical issues around the state so we can learn from our mistakes and the mistakes of others."

OUTCOME

To make a presentation to the Council on statewide ethics issues at the Council Meeting on April 10, 2007.

BACKGROUND

On January 30, 2007, the Council approved staff's update on the implementation of several of the Reed Reforms. One of the reforms is to present, at least annually, an ethics training for the Council.

Staff requested more information about the proposed structure and substance of the ethics training. On January 31, 2007, the Rules and Open Government Committee approved holding an ethics training at a Council Meeting in April 2007 to review and discuss recent case studies on ethical issues.

ANALYSIS

1. Structure

The City Attorney's Office will make a presentation to the Council, after which there will be time for questions and answers.

2. **Resources**

Staff has researched current ethical issues around the state. Staff has also consulted with the Government Integrity Unit of the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office.

3. **Agenda for Training on April 10, 2007: "Traps for the Unwary"**

- A. Keeping Closed Session Discussions Confidential
- B. Conflicts and Bias
 - 1. Government Code 1090
 - 2. Gifts
- C. Statewide Case Studies of Ethics Investigations and Prosecutions
- D. Overview of Santa Clara County Governmental Integrity Unit
- E. Best Practices

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

The contemplated action does not appear to qualify as an item of significant interest based on the established criteria. This memorandum is posted on the City's website for the March 28, 2008 Rules and Open Government Committee Meeting and will be posted on the City's website for the April 10, 2007 Council Meeting.

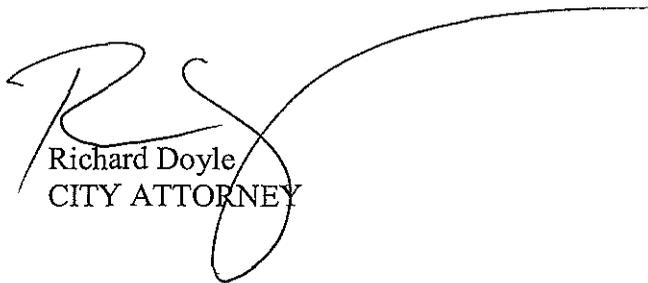
COORDINATION

This memorandum was coordinated between the City Manager's Office and the City Attorney's Office.

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Not a Project.

for Kay White
Les White
CITY MANAGER


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CITY ATTORNEY