

## **BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE ON ETHICS WORK PLAN FOR REMAINDER OF 2004**

Listed below are the various ideas and issues that have been raised, either in the original Council memos related to the creation of the Task Force, subsequent memos from Councilmembers, or comments in one of the first five Task Force meetings. They are grouped within the separate sections of the City's Ethics Ordinance.

### **Chapter 12.02 – General Provisions and Definitions**

- Development of a Code of Ethics (could use Institute for Local Self Government's *Developing a Local Agency Ethics Code: A Process-Oriented Guide* (<http://www.ilsg.org/userfiles/godoc/7922%2EComplete%20Developing%20Local%20Agency%20Ethics%20Code%20Guide%2Epdf>) as a resource)

### **Chapter 12.04 – Campaign Finance Review and Ethics Board**

- Enforcement provisions

### **Chapter 12.05 – Elections**

No issues raised

### **Chapter 12.06 – Municipal Campaign and Officeholder Contributions**

- Creation of legal defense funds
- Inconsistencies between the Campaign Contribution Ordinance and state and federal regulations
- Contribution and spending limits and comparisons with other jurisdictions
- Officeholder fund raising
- Independent expenditures
- Campaign ethics (particularly the content of campaign literature and how to deal with complaints exchanged between candidates in the course of a campaign)
- Require declaration by candidates and others involved in political campaigns certifying compliance with the ordinance
- Decrease the potential for confusion between the ordinance and the California Political Reform Act
- Require that campaign contributions by registered lobbyists be footnoted on FPPC campaign disclosure/reporting forms
- Consider requiring posting of contributions or payments to political campaigns, candidate-controlled political action committees, or officeholder accounts on the Internet within 24 hours of receipt
- Consider involving the Campaign Ethics Foundation (<http://www.cefscc.org>) in discussions of campaign issues
- Consider requiring candidates in City elections to post FPPC reports regarding campaign committees and friends accounts on line

- Consider requiring officeholders to report contributions to federal, state, and county campaigns
- Consider disclosure requirements for people who serve in some capacity on a political campaign who are registered lobbyists or who later become registered lobbyists

#### **Chapter 12.08 – Prohibition of Gifts**

No issues raised

#### **Chapter 12.10 – Revolving Door Restrictions**

- Review revolving door restrictions on former employees acting as lobbyists

#### **Chapter 12.14 – Concurrent Employment of City Council Members or City or Agency Employees**

#### **Chapter 12.15 – Prospective Employment**

No issues raised