

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS FORM 700 FILING

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE UPDATE

MAY 7, 2015

WELCOME

<u>Presenters</u>

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BACKGROUND

- Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)
- County's Conflict of Interest Code (COI) of Boards, Committees, Commissions & Councils (BCCCs) approved July 1991
- Updated COI, current list of BCCCs & modified disclosure categories to the Board on June 9, 2015
- Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700)

AGENDA

- 1. Legal Requirements (Political Reform Act)
- Proposed Conflict of Interest Code & Modified Disclosure Categories
- 3. Roles of Filing Officer, Filing Official & Members
- 4. Required Ethics Training AB1234
- 5. Electronic Filing
- 6. E-Disclosure
- 7. Information we need from you
- 8. Key Dates
- 9. Nominations & Appointments
- 10. Additional Resources
- 11. Questions & Answers





FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION (FPPC)

POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF 1974

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

- FPPC REGULATION 18730
- GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 87300 87314
- WHO IS THE CODE REVIEWING BODY
- THE COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITY
- BOARDS / COMMISSIONS' RESPONSIBILITY
- NONCOMPLIANCE COULD LEAD TO PAYING FINES OR DECLARING THE MEMBER'S SEAT VACANT

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE 2015 UPDATE

- Biennial notices mailed on even years by July 1
- COI updates are due the same year by October 1
- Current list of Boards & Commissions
- Modified Disclosure Categories replicating Form 700 Schedules A through F

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE MODIFIED DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

- A. Investments, Income, & Assets of Business Entities/Trusts
- B. Real Property
- C. Income, Loans, & Business Positions
- D. Gifts
- E. Travel Payments, Advances, & Reimbursements
- F. Consultants

FILING OFFICER & FILING OFFICIAL

- FPPC Regulation 18115 outlines the responsibilities of the Filing Officer and Filing Official
- The Filing Officer is the Clerk of the Board (holds original Form 700, sends Biennial Notices & acts as the Filing Official in some cases)
- The Filing Official is the liaison (manages the administrative tasks, keeps membership information current & tracks required Ethics Training)
- Training is available through FPPC

FILER'S ROLE

MEMBERS WHO
SIT ON
BOARDS &
COMMISSIONS

ACTION IS REQUIRED

- Complete the annual Form 700 before the deadline on April 1.
- File assuming & leaving office statements within 30 days.
- Members <u>cannot vote</u> on agenda matters until a Form 700 is on file!
- Keep contact information current with the Filing Officer.



- Assembly Bill 1234
- Ethics training is required by all Form 700 filers
- Training is available through the County & FPPC
- Noncompliance may result into member's seat being declared vacant

ELECTRONIC FILING

- Board of Supervisors approved SouthTech Systems eDisclosure
- Designated county employees began filing electronically January 2015 and the response is positive!
- Invitations to training will be sent in November 2015
- Training for Filing Officials and Filers will begin in December 2015
- Boards & Commissions Filers will begin filing electronically January 1, 2016

E-DISCLOSURE BENEFITS FOR FILING OFFICIALS

Saves you time and money

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- Comply with reporting requirements
- Send annual notices and reminders electronically
- Securely file and submit FPPC Form 700 to the filing officer
- Run reports & track filers from the system

E-DISCLOSURE BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS

- File and submit a Form 700 electronically, 24/7, in the privacy of your own secured filing area to your filing officer
- Secured program with password protection
- Easily amend prior forms
- Copy information from prior years' forms
- Assists in accurately completing a Form 700
- Saves you time and money



WHAT WE NEED



- Current membership
 & contact information
- Amended Conflict of Interest Code
- 3. Documentsestablishing the Board& Commission
- 4. Bylaws or Charters
- 5. Keep us updated

KEY DATES

- Return Membership Confirmation Form by May 13, 2015
- Board of Supervisors approval of proposed COI June 9, 2015
- Approved COI to Boards & Commissions June 10, 2015
- Training information & invitation
 November 2015
- Training provided to Filing Officials
 & Filers December 2015



APPOINTMENTS & NOMINATIONS



- No changes have been made to the processes
- Continue submitting Form 700,
 Assuming & Leaving Office
 Statements and associated
 documents to the Clerk of the Board
- Primary Contact: Lorraine Silva at (916) 874-8177, Mail Code: 08-2450
- Mailing Address: 700 H Street, Suite 2450, Sacramento, CA 95814

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Training materials, handouts and resources are available online:

http://www.saccounty.net/form700/Pages/default.aspx



OVERVIEW

- 1. FPPC regulations requires the County to update its Conflict of Interest Code and designate positions required to file on a biennial schedule.
- 2. Board of Supervisors is the Code Reviewing Body and proposed Code is scheduled for adoption June 9, 2015
- 3. Electronic Filing of Form 700 will be mandatory
- 4. eDisclosure System training will be available in December 2015
- 5. Members will file electronically January 2016

CONTACT INFORMATION

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