



Date: December 18, 2007
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal, Chair, Elections Oversight Committee
Subject: **AMEND LONG BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE 2.01.380**

The Elections Oversight Committee, at its meeting held December 4, 2007, considered communications relative to the above subject.

It is the recommendation of the Elections Oversight Committee, for the purpose of discussion by the full City Council, referral of proposed amendment to update Long Beach Municipal Code Section 2.01.380 concerning officeholder accounts to conform to State regulations requiring reporting of all expenditures and contributions of \$100 or more, with the proviso that filers voluntarily report expenditures of \$50 -\$99, be received and discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal, Chair

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Date: November 6, 2007

To: Chair Lowenthal and Members of Election Oversight Committee

From: Gary DeLong 

Subject: **Recommendation to Amend Municipal Code to make consistent the itemizing thresholds of City Officeholder Accounts with State Law**

Current City regulations are inconsistent with State of California regulations regarding reporting requirements.

The FPPC Form 460 requires that an officeholder report periodically regarding the contributions and expenditures related to his or her account. The law was passed in the 1970s and subsequently amended by the Political Reform Act (PRA). Under the PRA, an officeholder must itemize all expenditures of \$100 or more and all contributions of \$100 or more.

The City OEF also requires that officeholders report periodically regarding contributions and expenditures related to his or her account (See LBMC 2.01.380). Under the Municipal Code, all expenditures of more than \$50 must be reported, as must all contributions regardless of the amount. Because the itemizing thresholds under the City law are different than those under the state law, two separate forms are required. Consistency would require that only the State form be reported.

My request is for the Elections Oversight Committee to recommend to the City Council that City reporting requirements be updated to conform to State regulations. This would lessen the burden of compliance on both filers and City staff, as only the State form would be required.