

REPORT



FROM CITY ATTORNEY

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January 31, 2007

THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL
Palo Alto, California

RE: "Revolving Door" Ordinance for Council Appointed
or Council Approved City Employees

Dear Members of the Council:

On April 26, 2006, the Policy and Services Committee asked that we prepare a "revolving door" ordinance prohibiting high-level former employees, for one year, from lobbying the City for compensation. In preparing the ordinance, we have tracked the provisions of Government Code Section 87405.3, which took effect July 1, 2006. That section prohibits advocacy for hire by former Council Members and the City Manager for one year after leaving their city positions. However, it does not limit advocacy as a board member or officer or employee of another government agency.

On November 14, 2006 the Policy and Services Committee reviewed and approved the draft ordinance with two slight modifications on a 4-0 vote. Thus, the ordinance is presented to the Council as a first reading. The Executive Staff, which comprises nearly every position covered, has reviewed and provided suggested changes that were incorporated prior to forwarding the matter to Policy and Services for consideration.

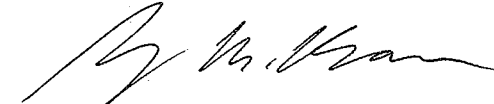
The attached draft ordinance covers all City Officers, i.e., the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Clerk, City Auditor, and City Attorney and all individuals whose city

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appointments require council approval: department heads, the Assistant City Clerk, and senior assistant city attorneys. A list of these positions is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



GARY M. BAUM
City Attorney

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Attachments

cc: Frank Benest, City Manager
Sharon Erickson, City Auditor
Emily Harrison, Assistant City Manager
Carl Yeats, Director of Administrative Services

POSITIONS COVERED BY DRAFT REVOLVING DOOR ORDINANCE

Officers of the City (PAMC Section 2.08.010)

City Manager
City Attorney
City Clerk
City Auditor

Council-Approved Appointments (PAMC Section 2.08.020,110,120)

Assistant City Manager
Senior Assistant City Attorney
Director of Administration Services
Chief of Police
Fire Chief
Director of Human Resources
Director of Planning and Community Environment
Director of Utilities
Director of Public Works - City Engineer
Director of Community Services
Director of Libraries