



Ethics Commission Report

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Consent Item 02

Title: Sacramento Ethics Commission Complaint Log

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Pass a Motion approving the Sacramento Ethics Commission Complaint Log.

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Presenter: None.

Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-Sacramento Ethics Commission Complaint Log

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: The purpose of the Sacramento Ethics Commission is to review and consider complaints against elected and appointed City officials, as further described in Sacramento City Code § 2.112.030, to ensure that those officials are conforming their conduct to the City's laws and policies.

The Sacramento Ethics Commission has the power and duty to review, investigate, and consider complaints alleging violations of the following:

- Section 35 of the Sacramento City Charter ("Limitation on future employment")
- Chapter 1.20 ("Code of Fair Campaign Practices")
- Chapter 2.13 ("Campaign Contribution Limitations") and Chapter 2.14 ("Campaign Spending Limits and Public Campaign Financing"), if the city has not contracted with the Fair Political Practices Commission for enforcement of those chapters
- Chapter 2.15 ("Lobbyist Registration and Reporting Code")
- Chapter 2.16 ("Conflict of Interest")
- Chapter 4.02 ("Code of Ethics")
- Chapter 4.04 ("Sunshine Ordinance")
- Chapter 3 ("Conduct of Members") and Rule 6.E ("Closed Sessions") of the Council Rules of Procedure

The attached log describes complaints received to date and their status.

Policy Considerations: The Commission was established by the City Council's enactment of City Code chapter 2.112. Its authority extends only to City elected officials, candidates for City elected office, independent expenditure committees, members of City boards and commissions, the City Manager, the City Clerk, the City Attorney, the City Treasurer, the City Auditor, the Independent Budget Analyst, and the Director of Public Safety Accountability.

Economic Impacts: None.

Environmental Considerations: None.

Sustainability: None.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: None.

Financial Considerations: None.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): None.

Sacramento Ethics Commission Complaint Log

Updated 11/10/2021

Complaint No.	Date Received	Method Received	Alleged Violation	Alleged Violation Details	Disposition	Referred To	Disposition Date
Pending							
Dispositioned							
2021-005	10/19/2021	Online	Chapter 2.16 ("Conflict of Interest")	Downed power line in street and caused automobile accident.	Dismissed by City Clerk-Lack of Jurisdiction and Referred	Requested she file a claim	10/26/2021
2021-002	4/13/2021	Email	City of Sacramento Code of Ethics (SSC §4.02) City of Sacramento Sunshine Ordinance (SSC §4.04)	Auditor's office referred a Whistleblower Hotline complaint.	Dismissed by the Commission on 8/23/2021.	Independent Evaluator 5/13/21	8/23/2021
2021-004	6/15/2021	Online	Chapter 3 ("Conduct of Members") and Rule 6.E (Closed Sessions) of the Council Rules of Procedure	Darrell Steinberg and Chris Wheeler were told I have evidence that Idaho cops targeted the mother and nephew of a validated gang member in Federal prison and that I am going to tell him. I gave Darrell Steinberg a gift. I told him if the civil rights violations that I just told Investigator Miller at the Idaho Attorney General's office June 9 2021. That man admitted our civil rights had been violated and apologized. I told Angelique Asby of these crimes as well and she wanted it kept "confidential." Sac PD has refused to keep us from harm and so has Darrell Steinberg and Angelique Ashby because cops violated the civil rights of family members of a gang member. Oops	Dismissed by City Clerk-Lack of Jurisdiction	n/a	6/21/2021
2021-003	6/12/2021	Email	Other	Continuous harassment by the city of Sacramento I've asked for officials involved to give me there I Danity I said identity their badge and their itinerary I'm being harassed in my home my job An elderly abuse	Dismissed by City Clerk-Lack of Jurisdiction	Office of Public Safety Accountability	6/21/2021
2021-001	2/24/2021	Online	City of Sacramento Code of Ethics (SSC §4.02) City of Sacramento's Conflict of Interest Code (SCC §2.16) Sacramento City Charter (§35)	Inappropriate promotion and supervision structure at the Sacramento Police Department.	Dismissed by City Clerk-Lack of Jurisdiction	Office of Public Safety Accountability	2/26/2021
2020-012	12/3/2020	Online	City of Sacramento's Code OF Ethics (SCC § 4.02) Not sure which specific law, ordinance, or regulations apply.	It took the department of utilities 16 months approximately to send me an initial bill for utilities for over 1600. It has caused financial hardship due to being charged for 16 months worth of services I would have paid for monthly had they done their due diligence. I have lived in this home for over a year now, and it is ridiculous it took departments of the city or county to communicate such a simple piece of information. Part of the charges are for street sweeping and I have never seen them sweep our community streets. It is a complete inexcusable mistake causing me financial hardship. It is gross negligence and a breach of ethics to be doing this during a pandemic.	Dismissed by City Clerk-Lack of Jurisdiction	Department of Utilities	12/10/2020
2020-011	11/6/2020	Online	Other	Sexual harassment, verbal abuse harassment, hitting employee with City of Sacramento tools, threatening other coworker, praying on new coworker, discrimination, Make the coworker feel threatened for there life, employees ask me to come to his house while we were on the clock in, employees continue to boss me around	Dismissed by City Clerk-Lack of Jurisdiction	Auditor, Whistleblower Hotline	11/9/2020
2020-010	9/22/2020	Online	Other	Noise complaint against neighbor	Dismissed by City Clerk-Lack of Jurisdiction	311/Code Compliance	9/23/2020

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2020-009	9/9/2020	Online	City of Sacramento's Conflict of Interest Code (SCC § 2.16) Chapter 3 (Conduct of Members) and Rule 6E (Closed Sessions) of the Council Rules of Procedure. Not sure which specific law, ordinance, or regulations apply.	Police traffic stop and body-cams	Dismissed by City Clerk-Lack of Jurisdiction		9/10/2020
2020-008	8/25/2020	Online	Other	Parking permit issue	Dismissed by City Clerk-Lack of Jurisdiction		8/27/2020
2020-007	8/15/2020	Online	Other	Complaint against neighbor working on cars in driveway and having junk cars.	Dismissed by City Clerk-Lack of Jurisdiction	311/Code Compliance	8/15/2020
2020-006	8/13/2020	Online	Other	Complaint against a Sacramento Police Officer	Dismissed by City Clerk-Lack of Jurisdiction	Office of Public Safety Accountability	8/15/2020
2020-005	8/7/2020	Via Email	Other	Incident of malpractice by Sacramento County Public Defenders office	Dismissed by City Clerk-Lack of Jurisdiction		8/7/2020
2020-004	6/29/2020	Online	Chapter 4.02 ("Code of Ethics") City of Sacramento's Conflict of Interest Code (SCC § 2.16)	Using public official social media accounts to promote private corporations solely for the benefit of said corporations	Dismissed by City Clerk-Lack of Jurisdiction		7/14/2020
2020-003	6/22/2020	Online	Other	Complaint regarding a private organization	Dismissed by City Clerk-Lack of Jurisdiction		7/14/2020
2020-002	5/13/2020	Via Email	Other	Noice complaint, home construction	Dismissed by City Clerk-Lack of Jurisdiction		5/14/2020
2020-001	2/23/2020	Online	Other	Private school asking for donations and parent participation in addition to tuition	Dismissed by City Clerk-Lack of Jurisdiction		2/23/2020
2019-003	12/9/2019	Via Mail	Chapter 4.02 ("Code of Ethics")	Conflict of interest on rent control and real estate issues	Dismissed by City Clerk-Lack of Jurisdiction		7/20/2020
2019-002	11/5/2019	Via Email	Other	City is vanishing my check	Dismissed by City Clerk-Lack of Jurisdiction		11/6/2019
2019-001	9/28/2019	Online	Other	Property damage	Dismissed by City Clerk-Lack of Jurisdiction		11/7/2019