

RESOLUTION 2024-0001

Adopted by the Sacramento Ethics Commission

June 24, 2024

Making Certain Findings Pursuant to a Complaint Against Mayor Darrell Steinberg Alleging a Violation of Chapter 3 (Conduct of Members) and Rule 6.E (Closed Sessions of the Council Rules of Procedure

BACKGROUND

- A. A complaint alleging a violation of campaign contribution limits was filed with the City Clerk, Sacramento Ethics Commission against Mayor Darrell Steinberg (“the Respondent”) on February 12, 2024.
- B. Pursuant to the Sacramento Ethics Commission Procedures, the City Clerk completed an initial review of the complaint and referred the complaint to the Independent Evaluator for an Investigation on February 20, 2024. The Independent Evaluator was recused on February 20, 2024 due to a possible conflict of interest related to the Respondent’s prior employment with the Independent Evaluator.
- C. On February 20, 2024, the Clerk referred the complaint to the Alternate Independent Evaluator for an Investigation of the complaint.
- D. The Respondent was notified by the Alternate Independent Evaluator of the allegations and presented with a complete copy of the complaint and the Sacramento Ethics Commission Procedures.
- E. The Sacramento Ethics Commission conducted a Hearing on June 24, 2024, and, pursuant to Section 5.4 of the Sacramento Ethics Commission Procedures, the Respondent was provided notice and an opportunity to be heard and present evidence and testimony about the Alternate Independent Evaluator’s Report.
- F. At the Hearing, the Sacramento Ethics Commission received and considered testimony, evidence, and the Alternate Independent Evaluator’s Report, which forms part of the record in this matter.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE SACRAMENTO ETHICS COMMISSION RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

After considering the Alternate Independent Evaluator's Report, testimony, and evidence presented, which are incorporated into this Resolution by reference, the Sacramento Ethics Commission makes the following findings and conclusions.

SECTION 1.

The Sacramento Ethics Commission finds insufficient evidence to sustain a violation of any Ethics Law.

SECTION 2.

The complaint is hereby dismissed.

SECTION 3.

The file in this matter shall be closed without further action.

SECTION 4.

The time within which judicial review must be sought to review the findings by the Sacramento Ethics Commission contained in this resolution is governed by Chapter 2.112 of the City of Sacramento Municipal Code and the provisions of California Code of Civil Procedure Sections 1094.5 and 1094.6.


Adopted by the City of Sacramento Ethics Commission on June 24, 2024, by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Adams, Emery, LoFaso, Velasquez, and Chair Ng

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Attest:  06/26/2024

Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk

The presence of an electronic signature certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as approved by the Sacramento Ethics Commission.