



# City of San Leandro

Civic Center  
835 East 14th Street  
San Leandro, California

## Minutes

### Rules Committee

*Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter*  
*Councilmember Victor Aguilar Jr.*  
*Councilmember Pete Ballew*

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Thursday, July 11, 2019

8:30 AM

City Hall, Sister Cities Gallery

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

*The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m.*

##### 1.A. Attendance

*COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:*

*Councilmember Aguilar*  
*Councilmember Ballew*

*COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:*

*Mayor Cutter - Excused*

*STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:*

*Alex Mog* - Assistant City Attorney  
*Jordyn A. Bishop* - Associate  
*Leticia I. Miguel* - City Clerk  
*Liz Warmerdam* - Assistant City Manager  
*Jeff Kay* - City Manager

##### 1.B. Announcements

*Councilmember Ballew announced his conflict with the Rules Committee meeting date and would like to revisit re-scheduling the meeting dates.*

#### 2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

##### 2.A. [19-425](#) Presentation by the City Attorney on the Intimidating Solicitation Ordinance

*Jordyn A. Bishop, Associate, presented the Analysis of San Leandro's Intimidating Solicitation Ordinance and responded to questions from the Committee members.*

*RULES COMMITTEE COMMENTS:*

- a. The Committee supports an approach that will look at repealing the current solicitation ordinance and replacing it with a content neutral law.*
- b. The Committee requested this item return with further study done on traffic volumes and a closer look at accident data and levels of service.*

*The Committee recommends the item will move forward with the repealing of the current ordinance, and return for further review to the Rules Committee with an updated*

ordinance.

**2.B. [19-418](#)**

Consider Adding to the City Council Goals an Element that Supports City Employees and Volunteers

*Jeff Kay, City Manager, presented the item and responded to questions from the Committee members.*

*RULES COMMITTEE COMMENTS:*

*a. The Committee supports the approach of working together as a team and promoting longevity, education, and retention.*

*b. The Committee requested for staff to further craft the wording of the goal and return with a recommendation.*

*There being no further comments, by consensus of the Rules Committee, the item may return to City Council with recommendation for approval.*

**2.C. [19-188](#)**

City of San Leandro City Council Rules Committee Discussion of Campaign Finance and Contribution Limits (Continued from April 11, 2019)

*Leticia I. Miguel, City Clerk, and Alex Mog, Assistant City Attorney, presented the item and responded to questions from the Committee members.*

*RULES COMMITTEE COMMENTS:*

*a. Councilmember Aguilar endorses campaign limits to be based per term and for the City to differentiate campaign limits for a mayoral race versus a city councilmember race.*

*b. Councilmember Aguilar would like to explore the study of the cost for a mayoral race and a comparison of cost to surrounding cities.*

*c. Councilmember Ballew is not in support of setting campaign contribution limits and does not see the need in the City of San Leandro.*

*d. Councilmember Ballew posed a question under Violation and Fines, what if they were not proven guilty, does this mean they would still get that same penalty and could they run for a different office?*

*e. If the city was to set campaign contribution limits, Councilmember Ballew is in support of an anonymous complaint system.*

*f. Councilmember Ballew requested staff prudently review the crafting of the wording as it pertains to the requirement of a person owning multiple business and how one can make contributions from each business or if that would that be considered one person.*

*g. Councilmember Ballew requested clarification under in-kind contribution, if someone forgets to self-report a contribution that goes over a contribution limit, would this be considered a violation?*

*h. Councilmember Ballew requested clarification to the division of campaign funds when a candidate runs for a term in office for city council and succeeds then decides to run for mayor. How are funds separated if candidate is not elected mayor, what happens to the balance of funds raised?*

*The item will return for further discussion to Rules Committee.*

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*None.*

**4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*The Committee was provided the list of upcoming Rules Committee agenda items.*

**5. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

*None.*

**6. ADJOURN**

*The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.*