



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

Thursday, April 11, 2019

8:30 AM

City Hall, Sister Cities Gallery

Notice of Special Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

1.A. Attendance

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilmember Aguilar
Councilmember Ballew
Mayor Cutter

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

<i>Scott Gilliland</i>	<i>- IS Specialist</i>
<i>Andrew Mogensen</i>	<i>- Planning Manager</i>
<i>Tom Liao</i>	<i>- Community Development Director</i>
<i>Leticia I. Miguel</i>	<i>- City Clerk</i>
<i>Alex Mog</i>	<i>- Assistant City Attorney</i>
<i>Liz Warmerdam</i>	<i>- Assistant City Manager</i>
<i>Jeff Kay</i>	<i>- City Manager</i>

1.B. Announcements

None.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

2.A. [19-210](#)

Review of Community Development Department Applications of City Officials by Independent Third Parties

RULES COMMITTEE COMMENT:

If using a third party for review for someone who works at the City of San Leandro or is elected/appointed, in no case would fees exceed what it would have cost for the city to process the item.

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

2.B. [19-188](#)

City of San Leandro City Council Rules Committee Discussion of

Campaign Finance and Contribution Limits

Public comment received from Mr. Jeromey Shafer.

RULES COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

- a. Committee discussed if contribution limits should be mandatory.*
- b. The Committee questioned whether previous campaign contributions would be exempt.*
- c. The Committee questioned what the rules are about loaning money to oneself.*
- d. Clarification needs to be addressed to how much staff time would be required to monitor and enforce contribution limits.*
- e. How would contributions be enforced? Is enforcement driven off complaints? Who would do the enforcement and who does the enforcement in other city jurisdictions and in Alameda County? What would the cost be for the Fair Political Practice Commission (FPPC) or another entity to do the enforcement?*
- f. If a person who owns multiple businesses, can they make contributions from each business or would that be considered one person?*
- g. The average cap in Alameda County should be clarified for the Committee.*
- h. Are Political Action Committees (PACs) treated different or are they considered one person? What are the rules about PACs campaigning for a candidate without their knowledge/consent? Would that count as campaign contributions?*
- i. Should the limit be higher for someone campaigning as a candidate for Mayor, since they are at large and cover all six districts?*
- j. Should an individuals' contribution cap be for the elected term of office (4 years) or would it be 2 years since some incumbents run for different positions (ex. a seated council member running for mayor).*
- k. The Committee questioned whether the candidates would designate contributions to a certain position or would the funds be tied to the person. And if someone hasn't decided what position they want to run for (ex. Board of Supervisors vs. City Council) would they be able to make two separate \$500 (or what the limit is) contributions.*

The item will return for further discussion to Rules Committee.

This matter was Continued.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment received from Mr. Jeromey Shafer.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

5. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.