

Ethics Public Comment

3/15/2018

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| 12/5/2017 | Robert | Donnelly | Council Meeting | 1. Would like the Council to consider, when creating an ordinance, the separation between legal and ethical behavior. |
| 12/19/2017 | Deb | Armintor | Council Meeting | 1. Important that there be a citizens committee evaluating ethics violations. 2. Maximum accountability within the municipalities ability. 3. Recommends a zero dollar threshold for conflict of interest. 4. Whistleblower protections greater than at the state level should be included . 5. The ethics ordinance should cover boards, commissions, staff and City Council. |
| 2/6/2018 | David | Zoltner | Council Meeting | 1. Does not believe conflict of interest should be in dollars or percentages, but it should be at a zero threshold. 2. Requested a public hearing be held in the evening meeting and separate mailer be sent for the hearing. 3. Would like the Council to have more discussion on the Board of Ethics qualifications, duties, powers, and jurisdiction. |
| 3/4/2018 | David | Zoltner | Email | 1. Asked if nepotism should be included in the ordinance. 2. Additional clarity on what is confidential in the Misuse of Information section. 3. Deliberations of a panel of the Board of Ethics should be in a open meeting. 4. The panel should not be appointed by the Chair. 5. The panels should not be allowed to remove a complaint at the risk of creating distrust in citizens. 6. Advisory opinions should come from the entire Board of Ethics. 7. Identities should be protected in a closed session through initial screening phase until a public hearing is held. 8. A complainant should not be penalized for not testifying at a hearing, especially if a sworn statement has been submitted and determined to be valid. |
| 3/5/2018 | Pati | Haworth | Email | 1. Concerned that the Mandates section will stop calls being made to the Fraud, Waste, and Abuse hotline. 2. Gifts of \$50 and \$200 maximum are low, impractical, and unenforceable. Supports removing meals being considered gifts. 3. Concerned that the Abuse of Resources section restricts the ability to hold a City Council Candidates' Forum at Denia Recreation Center. 4. A Board of Ethics should not be appointed by City Council vote and complaints should not be brought before citizens, but instead should go to independent legal council. If there were to be a Board of Ethics, it should not include those with licenses or master craftsman in the building trades. The Council should consider mandatory percentages of the other professions listed in the ordinance. Consideration should be given to a residency requirement of 10 years prior to being able to serve on the Board. There should be mandates, prohibition, conduct expectations, training, and processes for removal Board of Ethics members. 5. The Board of Ethics has no authority for meaningful sanctions against fellow citizens for frivolous complaints. The ordinances lacks a deterrent to keep individuals from filing multiple complaints. |
| 3/6/2018 | Ken | Gold | Council Meeting | 1. Emphasis should be on full and complete disclosure for elected officials for any direct or indirect financial interest, familial relationships, or social relationships and allow citizens to weigh the impact of those interests. |