



Los Angeles City Ethics Commission

January 6, 2014

The Honorable City Council
c/o Holly Wolcott, Interim City Clerk
200 North Spring Street
City Hall – 3rd Floor
Los Angeles CA 90012

**Re: Council File Number 11-1000
Reappointment of Kimberly Freeman to the
Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles**

FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Dear Councilmembers:

On December 9, 2013, the Mayor transmitted to the City Clerk a letter indicating his reappointment of Ms. Kimberly Freeman to the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA). The Ethics Commission received Ms. Freeman's pre-confirmation statement of economic interests (SEI) on December 23, 2013, and this letter is provided for your consideration as part of the confirmation process. A copy of this letter is also being provided to Ms. Freeman to help her avoid potential conflicts of interests that may arise in the course of her tenure as a member of HACLA.

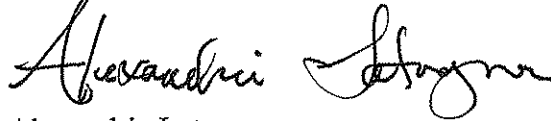
Ms. Freeman reports on her SEI income from Southern California Gas Company for her position as director of community relations. In addition, Ms. Freeman reports an investment interest in Sempra Energy. If a matter involving any of these interests comes before HACLA, Ms. Freeman should, before acting, seek the advice of the attorney who advises HACLA regarding whether she should disqualify herself. We are unable to assess if or how frequently Ms. Freeman would be in a position of having to recuse herself.

Interests disclosed on an SEI are not the only interests that can give rise to a conflict of interests. For example, state law may require recusal by a board or commission member due to certain business activities of the clients of that member's employer. If a matter raises potential conflict of interests issues, we encourage Ms. Freeman to seek the advice of the attorney who advises HACLA before acting.

In addition to reviewing a nominee's SEI, the Ethics Commission also verifies that the nominee is a registered City voter. We have received a completed Residence Verification Form for Ms. Freeman, which affirms that she is registered to vote in the City.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at (213) 978-1960.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alexandria Latragna".

Alexandria Latragna
Ethics Program Analyst

cc: Mayor Eric Garcetti
Ms. Kimberly Freeman