



Los Angeles City Ethics Commission

June 20, 2011

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

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

FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Dear Councilmembers:

On June 10, 2011, the Mayor transmitted to the City Clerk a letter indicating his appointment 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 June 15, 2011, 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. She also reports income for her position as an adjunct professor at the University of Southern California. 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.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Ethics Program Manager Shannon Prior at (213) 978-1960.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather Holt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Heather Holt
Executive Director

cc: Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa
Ms. Kimberly Freeman