

## **Los Angeles City Ethics Commission**

May 1, 2012

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 12-0521

Appointment of Douglas M. Mancino to the El Pueblo De Los Angeles

Historical Monument Authority

FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Dear Councilmembers:

On April 6, 2012, the Mayor transmitted to the City Clerk a letter indicating his appointment of Mr. Douglas M. Mancino to the El Pueblo De Los Angeles Historical Monument Authority. The Ethics Commission received Mr. Mancino's pre-confirmation statement of economic interests (SEI) on April 26, 2012, and this letter is provided for your consideration as part of the confirmation process. A copy of this letter is also being provided to Mr. Mancino to help him avoid potential conflicts of interests that may arise in the course of his tenure as a member of the El Pueblo De Los Angeles Historical Monument Authority.

Mr. Mancino reports on his SEI income for his position as a partner at the law firm Hunton & Williams. He also reports income from Health Net of California, where he serves as a member of the board of directors. In addition, Mr. Mancino reports that he holds several investment interests in various publicly traded companies, which are identified in the attached document. If a matter involving any of these interests comes before the El Pueblo De Los Angeles Historical Monument Authority, Mr. Mancino should, before acting, seek the advice of the City Attorney regarding whether he should disqualify himself. We are unable to assess if or how frequently Mr. Mancino would be in a position of having to recuse himself.

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. Additionally, recusal may be required under City Charter § 222, which states that the City Attorney may provide a written opinion concerning the obligation of a City official to refrain from acting on a matter when it may violate state law or when action may not be in the public interest.

If a matter raises a potential conflict of interests, we encourage Mr. Mancino to seek the advice of the City Attorney before acting. If Mr. Mancino is required to disqualify himself from acting on a matter, Los Angeles Municipal Code § 49.5.6(J) and Executive Directive 2005-1 require him to file the enclosed Recusal Notification Form (CEC Form 51) with the Ethics Commission and the Mayor's office. If a board or commission member is disqualified from acting on three or more agenda items in a year because of a conflict caused by the same interest, the Ethics Commission is required by City Charter § 707 to review the conflict. If the Ethics Commission determines that the member has a significant and continuing conflict of interests, it must order divestment of the interest that is causing the conflict.

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 Mr. Mancino, which affirms that he is registered to vote in the City.

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

Sincerely,

Heather Holt

**Executive Director** 

Attachments

cc: Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa

Mr. Douglas M. Mancino

## Douglas M. Mancino Investments Pre-confirmation Form 700 May 2012

Covidien PLC

Seagate Technology PLC

Weatherford International Ltd.

TE Connectivity Ltd.

Tyco International Ltd.

AMC Networks, Inc.

Anadarko Petroleum Corp.

Apple, Inc.

Auto Desk, Inc.

Biogen IDEC, Inc.

Broadcom Corp. CLA

CBS Corp.

Cablevision Systems Corp.

Comcast Corp.

CREE Inc.

Direct TV

Fluor Corp.

Forest Laboratories

Freeport McMoran Copper & Gold

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Human Genome Science

LS Communications

Liberty Media Holdings Corp.

National Oilwell Varco, Inc.

Nucor Corp.

Pall Corp.

Sandisk Corp.

United Health Group

Vertex Pharmaceuticals

Kayne Anderson Real Estate Partners

Kayne Anderson Infrastructure Income Fund

Kayne Anderson MLP Fund

Fidelity Puritan K

AIG

Citigroup, Inc.