



Los Angeles City Ethics Commission

July 18, 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 12-0907  
Appointment of Christopher Espinosa as the General Manager of El Pueblo  
de Los Angeles Historical Monument**

***FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION***

Dear Councilmembers:

On June 19, 2012, the Mayor transmitted to the City Clerk a letter indicating his appointment of Mr. Christopher Espinosa as the General Manager of El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument. The Ethics Commission received Mr. Espinosa's pre-confirmation statement of economic interests (SEI) on July 3, 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. Espinosa to help him avoid potential conflicts of interests that may arise in the course of his tenure as the General Manager of El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument.

Mr. Espinosa does not report any investments, income sources, or interests in real property on his SEI. However, interests disclosed on an SEI are not the only interests that can give rise to a conflict of interests. Recusal may be required under City Charter § 222, for example, 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 doing so may not be in the public interest or may violate state law. If a matter raises a potential conflict of interests, we encourage Mr. Espinosa to seek the advice of the City Attorney before acting.

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

Sincerely,

Heather Holt  
Executive Director

cc: Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa  
Mr. Christopher Espinosa