



Los Angeles City Ethics Commission

March 11, 2013

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 13-0209
Appointment of Kelvin Sauls to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority
FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

Dear Councilmembers:

On February 21, 2013, the Mayor transmitted to the City Clerk a letter indicating his appointment of Rev. Kelvin Sauls to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA). The Ethics Commission received Rev. Sauls pre-confirmation statement of economic interests (SEI) on March 5, 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 Rev. Sauls to help him avoid potential conflicts of interests that may arise in the course of his tenure as a member of LAHSA.

Rev. Sauls reports on his SEI income from the Holman United Methodist Church and community property income from AT&T. If a matter involving either of these interests comes before LAHSA, Rev. Sauls should, before acting, seek the advice of the attorney who advises LAHSA regarding whether he should disqualify himself. We are unable to assess if or how frequently Rev. Sauls 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. If a matter raises potential conflict of interests issues, we encourage Rev. Sauls to seek the advice of the attorney who advises LAHSA 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
Rev. Kelvin Sauls