



Los Angeles City Ethics Commission

December 24, 2013

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 13-1598
Appointment of Paul Koretz to the
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California**

FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Dear Councilmembers:

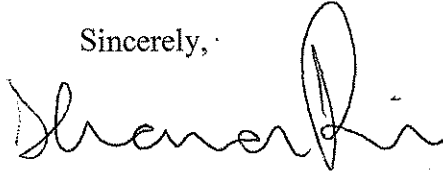
On November 27, 2013, the Mayor transmitted to the City Clerk a letter indicating his appointment of Councilmember Paul Koretz to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The City Council confirmed his appointment on December 17, 2013, and the Ethics Commission received his pre-confirmation statement of economic interests (SEI) on December 18, 2013. This letter is provided for inclusion in the City Council file. A copy of this letter is also being provided to Councilmember Koretz to help him avoid potential conflicts of interests that may arise in the course of his tenure as a member of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Councilmember Koretz reports on his SEI community property income from Kaiser Permanente. He also discloses an interest in real property and rental income of \$10,000 or more from Paul and Amy Velten. In addition, he reports gifts from the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles, Los Angeles Police Protective League, Directors Guild of America, Children's Hospital, Writer's Guild of America, Valley Industry & Commerce Association, Billie Greer, Cheri Shankar, Frank McCourt, David Benson, Central City Association, and the Jewish Federation. If a matter involving any of these interests comes before the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Councilmember Koretz should, before acting, seek the advice of the district's legal counsel regarding whether he should disqualify himself. We are unable to assess if or how frequently Councilmember Koretz 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 Councilmember Koretz to seek the advice of the attorney who advises the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California before acting.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Prior". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Shannon Prior
Ethics Program Manager

cc: Mayor Eric Garcetti
Councilmember Paul Koretz