



Los Angeles City Ethics Commission

December 19, 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 13-1653  
Appointment of Maria Lou Calanche to the  
Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles  
*FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION***

Dear Councilmembers:

On December 9, 2013, the Mayor transmitted to the City Clerk a letter indicating his appointment of Ms. Maria Lou Calanche to the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles. The Ethics Commission received Ms. Calanche's pre-confirmation statement of economic interests (SEI) on December 17, 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 Ms. Calanche to help her avoid potential conflicts of interests that may arise in the course of her tenure as a member of the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles.

Ms. Calanche reports on her SEI income from Legacy LA, a non-profit youth organization, where she is the Executive Director. If a matter involving this interest comes before the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, Ms. Calanche should, before acting, seek the advice of the City Attorney regarding whether she should disqualify herself. We are unable to assess if or how frequently Ms. Calanche 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 a potential conflict of interests, we encourage Ms. Calanche to seek the advice of the City Attorney before acting.

In addition to filing SEIs, nominees also file Residence Verification Forms. We have received a completed form from Ms. Calanche, which states that she is registered to vote in the City. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at (213) 978-1960.

Sincerely,

Alexandria Latragna  
Ethics Program Analyst

cc: Mayor Eric Garcetti  
Ms. Maria Lou Calanche