



Los Angeles City Ethics Commission

January 6, 2014

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 13-1654
Appointment of Shane Goldsmith 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. Shane Goldsmith to the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA). The Ethics Commission received Ms. Goldsmith's pre-confirmation statement of economic interests (SEI) on December 30, 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. Goldsmith to help her avoid potential conflicts of interests that may arise in the course of her tenure as a member of HACLA.

Ms. Goldsmith reports on her SEI an ownership interest in Shane Goldsmith Consulting which received income of \$10,000 or more from Path Ventures. In addition, Ms. Goldsmith reports income from the Liberty Hill Foundation, where she is the President and CEO, and income from Caldwell Leslie & Proctor, PC, where she is an account manager. If a matter involving any of these interests comes before HACLA, Ms. Goldsmith should, before acting, seek the advice of the attorney who advises HACLA regarding whether she should disqualify herself. We are unable to assess if or how frequently Ms. Goldsmith 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 potential conflict of interests issues, we encourage Ms. Goldsmith to seek the advice of the attorney who advises HACLA before acting.

In addition to filing SEIs, nominees also file Residence Verification Forms. We have received a completed form from Ms. Mark, 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alexandria Latragna". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Alexandria Latragna
Ethics Program Analyst

cc: Mayor Eric Garcetti
Ms. Shane Goldsmith