



Los Angeles City Ethics Commission

April 3, 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 13-0267
Jesus E. Quinonez Reappointment
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California**

FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Dear Councilmembers:

On March 5, 2013, the Mayor transmitted to the City Clerk a letter indicating his reappointment of Jesus E. Quinonez to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD). The Ethics Commission received Mr. Quinonez's pre-confirmation statement of economic interests (SEI) on March 20, 2013 and an amendment to that statement on March 29, 2013. This letter is provided for your consideration as part of the confirmation process. A copy of this letter is also being provided to Mr. Quinonez to help him avoid potential conflicts of interests that may arise in the course of his tenure as a member of MWD.

Mr. Quinonez reports on his SEI an ownership interest in the law firm Holguin, Garfield, Martinez, & Quinonez, which received income of \$10,000 or more from AFSCME 3634 and 575; UTLA; ILWU 13, 63, and 68; Here Legal Plan; and IBEW 18. If a matter involving any of these interests comes before MWD, Mr. Quinonez should, before acting, seek the advice of the attorney who advises MWD regarding whether he should disqualify himself. We are unable to assess if or how frequently Mr. Quinonez 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 Mr. Quinonez to seek the advice of the attorney who advises MWD 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
Jesus E. Quinonez