

October 24, 1991
REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES, LEGISLATION,
AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

FORMATION OF AN ELECTIONS, CAMPAIGN
AND GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS ADVISORY BOARD

At its meeting on July 17, 1991, the Rules Committee asked the City Attorney to draft an ordinance creating an advisory board to advise the Mayor and City Council and other appropriate City officers on Elections, Campaign and Governmental Ethics (hereafter called "Elections Board"). In response to this request, the City Attorney has prepared a draft ordinance, a copy of which is attached.

Generally the ordinance creates a new division in the Municipal Code, including codified sections which 1) declare the purpose and intent of the Council in creating the Elections Board (Section 26.1202); 2) establish the Elections Board, set the number and terms of members, and provide for appointment of members and their replacement in the event of a vacancy (Section 26.1202); and, 3) set forth the duties and functions of the Board (Section 26.1202).

The draft ordinance has open options pertaining to numbers and terms of Elections Board members. We ask that the Rules Committee make recommendations pertaining to each item, so that the draft may be completed before it goes to Council. These items are described below:

1. The number of Elections Board members.
2. The length of members' terms.
3. The number of members whose terms may expire on any given year (to create staggered terms for continuity of experience).
4. The date (month, day) the terms should expire.
5. The date (month) in which the Mayor may designate a chairperson.
6. The date (month) in which the Board may approve a chairperson in the event the Mayor does not appoint.

Under the draft ordinance, the Elections Board would operate under San Diego City Charter section 43(b). As such it will have advisory powers only.

Respectfully submitted,
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Attachment

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