



## Biennial Review of the City of Riverside Conflict of Interest Code

City Clerk

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## BACKGROUND

1. The Political Reform Act prohibits public officials from using their official position to influence a governmental decision in which they have a financial interest. Every state and local agency must adopt a Conflict of Interest (COI) Code that identifies all officials and employees within the agency who make governmental decisions based on the positions they hold. The individuals in the designated positions must disclose their financial interests as specified in the agency's Conflict of Interest Code.

2. Pursuant to Section 87306.5 of the California Government Code, the City Council, in its role as "Code Reviewing Body," must direct that the COI Codes be reviewed for employees and public officials, board and commission members, Housing Authority of the City of Riverside and the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Riverside. Amendments for consideration must be identified for review by the Code Reviewing Body by October 1, 2024.



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# DISCUSSION

- The Conflict of Interest Code for City employees and officials was last revised on December 6, 2022, by adoption of Resolution No. 23653. Amendments have been identified including reclassifications, job title changes, and deleted or added positions to be considered for adoption as reflected in Attachment 1.
- The Conflict of Interest Code for board and commission members was last revised on December 6, 2022, by adoption of Resolution No. 23125. On February 7, 2023, Ordinance No. 7623 was adopted establishing the Commission of the Deaf. The Commission of the Deaf is being added to the Code with the members having no filing requirement under Disclosure Category 8, as shown in the Disclosure Category Definitions and as reflected in Attachment 2.
- The Conflict of Interest Code for the Housing Authority of the City of Riverside will be added to include designated filers as reflected in Attachment 3.
- The Conflict of Interest Code for the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Riverside employees and officials was last revised on December 6, 2022, by Resolution No. 23124. Amendments have been identified including job title changes and deleted or added positions to be considered for adoption as reflected in Attachment 4.



# STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

## Strategic Priority 5 - High Performing Government

**Goal No. 3** - Enhance communication and collaboration with community members to improve transparency, build public trust, and encourage shared decision-making.



Community Trust



Fiscal Responsibility



Sustainability & Resiliency



Equity



Innovation



# RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council consider:

1. Proposed amendments to the City of Riverside Conflict of Interest Codes for:
  - a. Employees and officials including reclassifications, job title changes, and deleted or added designated filing positions as identified in Attachment 1.
  - b. Board and commission members adding the Commission of the Deaf as Disclosure Category 8 as reflected in Attachment 2; and
  - c. Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Riverside including job title changes and deleted or added designated filing positions as reflected in Attachment 3;
  
2. Add a Conflict of Interest Code for the Housing Authority of the City of Riverside as reflected in Attachment 4; and
  
3. Approve the proposed amendments and direct staff to prepare corresponding Conflict of Interest Code resolutions for adoption within 90 days.

