



Legislation Text

File #: ORD 17-0005, **Version:** 2

TO:

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH:

Mark Danaj, City Manager

FROM:

Liza Tamura, City Clerk
Quinn Barrow, City Attorney
George Gabriel, Management Analyst

SUBJECT:

Second Reading of an Ordinance to Require Electronic Filing of Campaign Finance Disclosure Statements (City Clerk Tamura and City Attorney Barrow).

ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 17-0005

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council conduct the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 17-0005 to require electronic filing of Campaign Finance Disclosure Statements.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no fiscal implications associated with this specific action. However, at the March 22, 2017 City Council meeting the City Council authorized \$10,000 to purchase the software and implement the electronic filing process. The \$10,000 was transferred from the City Council Contingency Fund to purchase software and post FPPC filings on the City's website. After the purchase, the estimated remaining balance within the City Council Contingency Fund is \$90,000.

BACKGROUND:

The City Council introduced Ordinance No. 17-0005 at the April 18, 2017, City Council meeting.

DISCUSSION:

State law requires that, in order to make electronic filing of Fair Political Practice Commission (FPPC) Campaign Finance Disclosure Statements mandatory, the City Council must adopt an ordinance to require electronic filing. If adopted, Ordinance No. 17-0005 will amend Municipal Code Section 4.120.045 and Municipal Code Section 4.120.010.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST:

Electronic filing of FPPC forms was discussed at two council meetings prior to the recent election; and the draft Ordinance was introduced at the duly noticed April 18, 2017 City Council meeting. The Council provided the public an opportunity to speak at each of the council meetings, and many people provided oral and written comments in support of mandatory filing.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The City has reviewed the proposed activity for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the activity is not a "Project" as defined under Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines the activity is not subject to CEQA. Thus, no environmental review is necessary.

LEGAL REVIEW

The City Attorney has reviewed and approved as to form the draft ordinance.

Attachment/Attachments:

1. Draft Ordinance No. 17-0005