County of Ventura

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Clerk of the Board

2018 Local Agency Biennial Notice

Name of Agency: Ventura Unified School District

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Accurate disclosure is essential to monitor whether officials have conflicts of interest and to help ensure public trust in government. The biennial review examines current programs to ensure that the agency's code includes disclosure by those agency officials who make or participate in making governmental decisions.

This agency has reviewed its conflict of interest code and has determined that *(check one BOX):*

☐ **An amendment is required. The following amendments are necessary:**

(Check all that apply.)

- ○ Include new positions
- ○ Revise disclosure categories
- ○ Revise the titles of existing positions
- ○ Delete titles of positions that have been abolished and/or positions that no longer make or participate in making governmental decisions
- ○ Other *(describe)* _____

☐ **The code is currently under review by the code reviewing body.**

☑ **No amendment is required.** (If your code is over five years old, amendments may be necessary.)

Verification (to be completed if no amendment is required)

This agency's code accurately designates all positions that make or participate in the making of governmental decisions. The disclosure assigned to those positions accurately requires that all investments, business positions, interests in real property, and sources of income that may foreseeably be affected materially by the decisions made by those holding designated positions are reported. The code includes all other provisions required by Government Code Section 87302.

J. Caswell 9-13-18

Signature of Chief Executive Officer *Date*

All agencies must complete and return this notice regardless of how recently your code was approved or amended. Please return this notice no later than **October 1, 2018**, or by the date specified by your agency, if earlier, to:

Board of Supervisors
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009-1920

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM TO THE FPPC.

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VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 16/28

PROPOSED CHANGES, DELETIONS, OR ADDITIONS TO BOARD POLICY

WHEREAS, the Political Reform Act, Government Code section 81000 et seq., requires local government agencies to adopt and promulgate Conflict of Interest Codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation (2 Cal. Code Regs., § 18730) which contains the terms of a standard Conflict of Interest Code, which may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act after public notice and hearings.

WHEREAS, the terms of California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 18730, and any amendment to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission, are hereby incorporated by reference as the Conflict of Interest Code for the VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, and along with Board Bylaw 9270, which sets forth disclosure categories for each designated position, constitute the Conflict of Interest Code of the VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education unanimously approved the recommendation of the Superintendent to add the designated position "Personnel Commission." Said designated position is approved to be added to Board Bylaw 9270, Conflict of Interest under the heading "DESIGNATED POSITIONS/DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES" in order to comply with The Political Reform Act as stated above.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of November, 2016.

President, Board of Education

Member, Board of Education

Member, Board of Education

Member, Board of Education

Member, Board of Education

ATTEST:

Michael Babb, Ed.D
Secretary to Governing Board

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VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
2016 CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

Exhibit A
Designated Positions

# OF POSITION	POSITION TITLE	DISCLOSURE CATEGORY
5	Governing Board Members	1
1	Superintendent of Schools	1
1	Deputy Superintendent Business Services	1
3	Associate/Assistant Superintendent	1
1	Purchasing Agent	1
3	Personnel Commission	1
1	General Counsel	1
25	All Directors (Certificated and Classified)	2
28	Principals	2
19	Assistant Principals	2
1	Project Coordinator	2
1	Project Specialist	2
8	Supervisor	2
0	Consultants	1 or 2*

*Consultants are designated employees who must disclose financial interests as determined on a case-by-case basis by the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee's written determination shall include a description of the consultant's duties and a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements based upon that description. All such determinations are public records and shall be retained for public inspection along with this conflict of interest code.

The Filing Officer for the positions of Superintendent and the Governing Board Members under the Ventura Unified School District's Board Policy - Conflict of Interest, Board Bylaw 9270 - is the Ventura County Clerk of the Board. The Filing Officer for all other positions designated as Categories 1 or 2 of Ventura Unified School District Board Bylaw 9270 is the employee so designated by the Ventura Unified School District.

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Board Bylaw

Conflict Of Interest

BB 9270
Board Bylaws

Incompatible Activities

Governing Board members shall not engage in any employment or activity which is inconsistent with, incompatible with, in conflict with or inimical to the Board member's duties as an officer of the district. (Government Code 1126)

Conflict of Interest Code

The district's conflict of interest code shall comprise of the terms of California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 18730 and any amendments to it adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission, together with a district attachment specifying designated positions and the specific types of disclosure statements required for each position.

Upon direction by the code reviewing body, the Board shall review the district's conflict of interest code in even-numbered years. If no change in the code is required, the district shall submit by October 1 a written statement to that effect to the code reviewing body. If a change in the code is necessitated by changed circumstances, the district shall submit an amended code to the code reviewing body. (Government Code 87306.5)

When a change in the district's conflict of interest code is necessitated by changed circumstances such as the creation of new designated positions, amendments or revisions shall be submitted to the code reviewing body within 90 days. (Government Code 87306)

When reviewing and preparing conflict of interest codes, the district shall provide officers, employees, consultants and members of the community adequate notice and a fair opportunity to present their views. (Government Code 87311)

If a Board member or designated employee determines that he/she has a financial interest in a decision, as described in Government Code 87103, this determination shall be disclosed. The member shall be disqualified from voting unless his/her participation is legally required. (2 CCR 18700)
Statements of economic interests submitted to the district by designated employees in accordance with the conflict of interest code shall be available for public inspection and reproduction. (Government Code 81008)
Financial Interest

Board members and designated employees shall not be financially interested in any contract made by the Board or in any contract they make in their capacity as Board members or

designated employees. (Government Code 1090)

A Board member shall not be considered to be financially interested in a contract if his/her interest includes, but is not limited to, any of the following: (Government Code 1091.5)

1. That of an officer who is being reimbursed for his/her actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of an official duty

2. That of a recipient of public services generally provided by the public body or board of which he/she is a member, on the same terms and conditions as if he or she were not a member of the board

3. That of a landlord or tenant of the contracting party if such contracting party is the federal government or any federal department or agency, this state or an adjoining state, any department or agency of this state or an adjoining state, any county or city of this state or an adjoining state, or any public corporation or special, judicial or other public district of this state or an adjoining state unless the subject matter of such contract is the property in which such officer or employee has such interest as landlord or tenant in which even his/her interest shall be deemed a remote interest within the meaning of, and subject to, the provisions of Government Code 1091

4. That of a spouse of an officer or employee of the district if his/her spouse's employment or officeholding has existed for at least one year prior to his/her election or appointment

5. That of a nonsalaried member of a nonprofit corporation, provided that such interest is disclosed to the Board at the time of the first consideration of the contract, and provided further that such interest is noted in its official records

6. That of a noncompensated officer of a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation which, as one of its primary purposes, supports the functions of the nonprofit board or to which the school Board has legal obligation to give particular consideration, and provided further that such interest is noted in its official records

7. That of a person receiving salary, per diem, or reimbursement for expenses from a governmental entity, unless the contract directly involves the department of the government entity that employs the officer or employee, provided that such interest is disclosed to the Board at the time of consideration of the contract, and provided further that such interest is noted in its official records.

8. That of an attorney of the contracting party or that of an owner, officer, employee or agent of a firm which renders, or has rendered, service to the contracting party in the capacity of stockbroker, insurance agent, insurance broker, real estate agent, or real estate broker, if these individuals have not received and will not receive remuneration, consideration, or a commission as a result of the contract and if these individuals have an ownership interest of less than 10 percent in the law practice or firm, stock brokerage firm, insurance firm or real estate firm

In addition, a Board member or employee shall not be deemed to be interested in a contract made

pursuant to competitive bidding under a procedure established by law if his/her sole interest is that of an officer, director, or employee of a bank or savings and loan association with which a party to the contract has the relationship of borrower or depositor, debtor or creditor. (Government Code 1091.5)

A Board member shall not be deemed to be financially interested in a contract if he/she has only a remote interest in the contract and if the remote interest is disclosed during a Board meeting and noted in the official Board minutes. The affected Board member shall not vote or debate on the matter or attempt to influence any other Board member to enter into the contract. Remote interests are specified in Government Code 1091(b); they include, but are not limited to, the interest of a parent in the earnings of his/her minor child. (Government Code 1091)

A Board member may enter into a contract if the rule of necessity or legally required participation applies as defined in Government Code 87101.

Even if there is no prohibited or remote interest, a Board member shall abstain from voting on personnel matters that uniquely affect a relative of the Board member. A Board member may vote, however, on collective bargaining agreements and personnel matters that affect a class of employees to which the relative belongs. "Relative" means an adult who is related to the person by blood or affinity within the third degree, as determined by the common law, or an individual in an adoptive relationship within the third degree. (Education Code 35107)

A relationship within the third degree includes the individual's parents, grandparents and great-grandparents, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, and the similar family of the individual's spouse unless the individual is widowed or divorced.

Gifts

Board members and designated employees may accept gifts only under the conditions and limitations specified in Government Code 89503 and 2 CCR 18730.

The limitations on gifts do not apply to wedding gifts and gifts exchanged between individuals on birthdays, holidays and other similar occasions, provided that the gifts exchanged are not substantially disproportionate in value. (Government Code 89503)

Gifts of travel and related lodging and subsistence shall be subject to the prevailing gift limitation except as described in Government Code 89506.
A gift of travel does not include travel provided by the district for Board members and designated employees. (Government Code 89506)

Honoraria

Board members and designated employees shall not accept any honorarium, which is defined as any payment made in consideration for any speech given, article published, or attendance at any

public or private gathering, in accordance with law. (Government Code 89501, 89502)

The term honorarium does not include: (Government Code 89501)

1. Earned income for personal services customarily provided in connection with a bona fide business, trade or profession unless the sole or predominant activity of the business, trade or profession is making speeches

2. Any honorarium which is not used and, within 30 days after receipt, is either returned to the donor or delivered to the district for donation into the general fund without being claimed as a deduction from income for tax purposes

APPENDIX

DESIGNATED POSITIONS/DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

It has been determined that persons occupying the following positions manage public investments and shall file a full statement of economic interests pursuant to Government Code 87200:

Governing Board Members
Superintendent of Schools

1. Persons occupying the following positions are designated employees in Category 1:

Assistant/Associate Superintendent
Deputy Superintendent/Business Services
Purchasing Agent
General Counsel
Personnel Commission

Designated persons in this category must report:

a. Interests in real property located entirely or partly within district boundaries, or within two miles of district boundaries or of any land owned or used by the district. Such interests include any leasehold, beneficial or ownership interest or option to acquire such interest in real property.

b. Investments or business positions in or income from sources which:

(1) Are engaged in the acquisition or disposal of real property within the district

(2) Are contractors or subcontractors which are or have been within the past two years engaged in work or services of the type used by the district or

(3) Manufacture or sell supplies, books, machinery or equipment of the type used by the

district

2. Persons occupying the following positions are designated employees in Category 2:

All Directors (Certificated and Classified)
Principal
Assistant Principal
Project Coordinator
Project Specialist
Supervisor

Designated persons in this category must report investments or business positions in or income from sources which:

a. Are contractors or subcontractors engaged in work or services of the type used by the department which the designated person manages or directs, or

b. Manufacture or sell supplies, books, machinery or equipment of the type used by the department which the designated person manages or directs. For the purposes of this category, a principal's department is his/her entire school.

3. Consultants are designated employees who must disclose financial interests as determined on a case-by-case basis by the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee's written determination shall include a description of the consultant's duties and a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements based upon that description. All such determinations are public records and shall be retained for public inspection along with this conflict of interest code.

A consultant is an individual who, pursuant to a contract with the district, makes a governmental decision whether to: (2 CCR 18701)

a. Approve a rate, rule or regulation

b. Adopt or enforce a law

c. Issue, deny, suspend or revoke a permit, license, application, certificate, approval, order or similar authorization or entitlement

d. Authorize the district to enter into, modify or renew a contract that requires district approval

e. Grant district approval to a contract or contract specifications which require district approval and in which the district is a party

f. Grant district approval to a plan, design, report, study or similar item

g. Adopt or grant district approval of district policies, standards or guidelines

A consultant is also an individual who, pursuant to a contract with the district, serves in a staff capacity with the district and in that capacity participates in making a governmental decision as defined in 2 CCR 18702.2 or performs the same or substantially all the same duties for the district that would otherwise be performed by an individual holding a position specified in the district's Conflict of Interest Code. (2 CCR 18701)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
1006 Qualifications for holding office
35107 School district employees
35230-35240 Corrupt practices
35233 Prohibitions applicable to members of governing boards
35239 Compensation for board members in districts under 70 ADA
GOVERNMENT CODE
1090-1098 Prohibitions applicable to specified officers
1125-1129 Incompatible activities
81000-91015 Political Reform Act of 1974, especially:
82011 Code reviewing body
82019 Definition of designated employee
82028 Definition of gifts
82030 Definition of income
87100-87103.6 General prohibitions
87200-87210 Disclosure
87300-87313 Conflict of interest code
87500 Statements of economic interests
89501-89503 Honoraria and gifts
91000-91014 Enforcement
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2
18110-18997 Regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission, especially:
18702.5 Public identification of a conflict of interest for Section 87200 filers
COURT DECISIONS
Thorpe v. Long Beach Community College District, (2000) 83 Cal.App.4th. 655
Kunec v. Brea Redevelopment Agency, (1997) 55 Cal.App.4th 511
ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS
86 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 138(2003)
85 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 60 (2002)
82 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 83 (1999)
81 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 327 (1998)
80 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 320 (1997)
69 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 255 (1986)
68 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 171 (1985)
65 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 606 (1982)

Management Resources:
WEB SITES
Fair Political Practices Commission: http://www.fppc.ca.gov

Bylaw VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
adopted: November 14, 2006 Ventura, California

BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF VENTURA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SUPERVISORS STEVE BENNETT, LINDA PARKS,
KELLY LONG, PETER C. FOY AND JOHN C. ZARAGOZA
December 4, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

CONSENT – COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE – Adoption of Conflict of Interest Codes for 118 Local Agencies; and Receive and File 2018 Biennial Notices.

(X) All Board members are present.

(X) Upon motion of Supervisor Long, seconded by Supervisor Zaragoza, and duly carried, the Board hereby approves the recommendations as stated in the respective Board letters for Consent Items 12 - 33.

By: Lori Gaines
Lori Gaines
Deputy Clerk of the Board

Item #13
12/4/18