



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Ethics Review Board Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Office of the City Auditor

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Kevin Barthold

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Ethics Code and Municipal Campaign Finance Code

SUMMARY:

The Ethics Review Board (ERB) has proposed several recommendations aimed at enhancing the effectiveness and clarity of the City of San Antonio's Ethics Code and Municipal Campaign Finance Code.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As provided by Section 2-82(e)(12) of the Ethics Code, the ERB may recommend to the City Council needed or desirable changes in ordinances under its jurisdiction. In April 2022 the ERB established two panels to review the Ethics Code and Municipal Campaign Finance Code.

Based on feedback from each panel, a list of recommended updates was compiled for the Ethics Code and Municipal Campaign Finance Codes. The recommendations were presented to City Council during the B session meeting held on January 10, 2024.

ISSUE:

As part of the January 10th briefing, Council requested further deliberation and consideration of three topics related to the recommendations that were presented. The ERB will consider these matters and finalize the code recommendation, which will be presented at a future City Council A session meeting for action.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

ALTERNATIVES:

The ERB may opt to forgo additional revisions to the proposed changes.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends ERB finalize list of recommended changes to the Codes and submit to Council for consideration.