



Los Angeles City Ethics Commission

July 31, 2013

The Honorable City Council
c/o June Lagmay, City Clerk
200 North Spring Street
City Hall – 3rd Floor
Los Angeles CA 90012

**Re: Council File Number 13-0917
Appointment of Matt Szabo to the
Board of Public Works**

FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Dear Councilmembers:

On July 18, 2013, the Mayor transmitted to the City Clerk a letter indicating his appointment of Mr. Matt Szabo to the Board of Public Works. The Ethics Commission received Mr. Szabo's pre-confirmation statement of economic interests (SEI) on July 29, 2013, and City Council confirmed his appointment on July 30, 2013. This letter is provided for inclusion in the City Council file. A copy of this letter is also being provided to Mr. Szabo to help him avoid potential conflicts of interests that may arise in the course of his tenure as a member of the Board of Public Works.

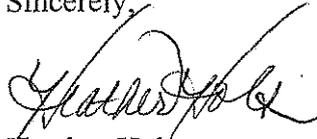
Mr. Szabo reports on his SEI income from Yes on Measure J Committee for Jobs & Traffic Relief for his position as Executive Director. If a matter involving this interest comes before the Board of Public Works, Mr. Szabo should, before acting, seek the advice of the attorney who advises the Board of Public Works regarding whether she should disqualify himself. We are unable to assess if or how frequently Mr. Szabo would be in a position of having to recuse himself.

Interests disclosed on an SEI are not the only interests that can give rise to a conflict of interests. For example, state law may require recusal by a board or commission member due to certain business activities of the clients of that member's employer. If a matter raises potential conflict of interests issues, we encourage Mr. Szabo to seek the advice of the attorney who advises the Board of Public Works before acting.

In addition to reviewing a nominee's SEI, the Ethics Commission also verifies that the nominee is a registered City voter. We have received a completed Residence Verification Form for Mr. Szabo, which affirms that he is registered to vote in the City.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Ethics Program Manager Shannon Prior at (213) 978-1960.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Heather Holt".

Heather Holt
Executive Director

cc: Mayor Eric Garcetti
Mr. Matt Szabo