

April 20, 2022

The Honorable Budget and Finance Committee c/o Mandy Morales, Legislative Assistant 200 North Spring Street
City Hall Room 395
Los Angeles CA 90012

Re: Ethics Commission Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23 (CF # 22-0600) FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Dear Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss our budget and your continuing support for the critical work we do. We greatly appreciate the Mayor's proposal for our budget and request only one modification.

The Mayor's proposal includes a new Special Investigator I position, as we originally requested, but we respectfully urge you to modify that proposal. We request that the position be made a Special Investigator II position and that nine-month funding be provided. This request is made in light of the fact that our enforcement matters have increased in both number and complexity. Adding a Special Investigator II is essential to our ability to conduct investigations and timely resolve enforcement matters. We can set aside money from this year to cover the salary difference next year (just \$15,750).

Thank you for supporting the important work of the Ethics Commission. We are happy to answer questions that you or your staff may have at any time.

Sincerely,

David Tristan
Executive Director

cc: Raoul Mendoza, Budget Director, Mayor's Office Angelo Yenko, Senior Administrative Analyst, CAO's Office