

**Board Report** 

#### File #: RES 15-019, Version: 1

Adopt Resolution to approve the amendments to the Conflict of Interest Code of the Economic Development Department.

## **<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>**:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors, as code reviewing body, approve and order the proposed amendments to the Conflict of Interest Code of the Economic Development Department, a copy of which is attached hereto (Attachment C).

## **SUMMARY**:

Following the biennial review of its Conflict of Interest Code as required by Government Code section 87306.5, the Economic Development Department amended its Conflict of Interest Code to update its designated positions.

On May 1, 2012, the Board adopted the Conflict of Interest Code for the Economic Development Department. On December 11, 2012, the Board of Supervisors transferred the Office for Employment Training (OET) responsibilities, staff and budget from the Department of Social Services to the Economic Development Department. Due to this change, and staffing changes within the Economic Development Department, the Department requests the Board to approve its amended Conflict of Interest Code, which incorporates the changes and additions of positions.

Pursuant to Government Code Sections 87300 and 87303, each local agency must adopt a Conflict of Interest Code which must be approved by the code reviewing body. The County has chosen to have each of its departments adopt a code which is then approved by the Board of Supervisors as the code reviewing body.

The amended conflict of interest code for the Economic Development Department is lawful under the Political Reform Act of 1974. The amended conflict of interest code for the Economic Development Department designates positions which are subject to the code and specifies the required level of disclosure for designated positions.

#### **DISCUSSION**:

Amendments to local agency Conflict of Interest Codes are authorized by section 87306 of the Government Code whenever changes are required by changed circumstances, by creation or deletion of designated positions, or by changes in the duty of such positions. The proposed code as amended and corrected is lawful under the Political Reform Act of 1974. Pursuant to sections 82011 and 87303 of the Government Code, the Board of Supervisors is the code reviewing body and may approve the code as submitted, revise the proposed code and approve it as revised, or return the proposed code to the agency for revision and resubmission.

# **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the amended code as to form.

## **FINANCING**:

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There is no fiscal impact upon the County of Monterey as a result of the proposed amendments.

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Attachments:

- A. Proposed Resolution
  - B. Conflict of Interest Code of the Economic Development Dept. strikethrough
  - C. Conflict of Interest Code of the Economic Development Dept. clean version