

CITY OF OAKLAND
PUBLIC ETHICS COMMISSION
One Frank Ogawa Plaza (City Hall)
Special Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, June 25, 2013
City Council Chambers
6:30 p.m.



Subcommittee on Access to Public Records: Aspen Baker (Chair), Benjamin Kimberley, Eddie Tejada

Additional PEC Commissioners: Lloyd Farnham (PEC Chair), Roberta Johnson, Monique Rivera, Jenna Whitman

Commission Staff: Whitney Barazoto, Executive Director
City Attorney Staff: Kathleen Salem-Boyd, Deputy City Attorney

PUBLIC ETHICS COMMISSION
TRANSPARENCY HEARING

- 1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum.**
- 2. Staff and Commission Announcements.**
- 3. Open Forum.**

INFORMATIONAL HEARING (No action will be taken at this meeting.)

- 4. Oakland City Government Transparency.** Led by the Subcommittee on Access to Public Records, the Public Ethics Commission is hosting an informational hearing to explore current practices and emerging trends in open government. Speakers will discuss open government concepts, share examples of innovations in government transparency, and respond to questions from Commissioners and the public. The Commission encourages participation from people watching at home and from the live audience and will offer multiple ways of communicating, including texting, online live-streaming video and comment, question/comment cards, and open forum. Attached is more information about the hearing, and below is a list of topics and speakers:

- **Government as a Platform** – Tim O’Reilly, O’Reilly Media
- **Transparency 101** – Laurenellen McCann, Sunlight Foundation
- **The State of Transparency in California** – Robb Korinke, California Forward
- **Innovations and Engagement** – Alissa Black, New America Foundation
- **Public Participation** – Greg Greenway, Davenport Institute
- **Oakland Innovations** – Nicole Neditch, Oakland City Administrator’s Office
- **Community Partners** – Steve Spiker, OpenOakland

The meeting will adjourn upon the completion of the Commission’s business.

A member of the public may speak on any item appearing on the agenda. All speakers will be allotted a maximum of three minutes unless the Chairperson allocates additional time.

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Transparency Hearing

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The City of Oakland is part of a growing movement of groundbreaking cities across the country that are looking to upgrade, innovate and adapt their practices to better meet the needs of citizens for transparency and open government. The Public Ethics Commission, in partnership with OpenOakland, is hosting this hearing to hear directly from top leaders and influencers who are shaping the future of our democracy. Our goal is to consider how the lessons and experiences of others – and the big ideas that have yet to be tried in any city – could be best applied right here in Oakland. We encourage everyone – whether watching at home on TV, online or in our audience – to join the discussion and let us know what matters most to you.

Growing Momentum for Greater Transparency

The efforts to improve transparency and open government in Oakland have been gaining momentum thanks to effective collaboration between champions inside government and advocates outside of City Hall. Below is list of a few key milestones shaping the transparency movement in Oakland:

City of Oakland Open Government Innovations

- Open Data Platform – an online open data portal sharing City data sets for use by the public
- Code for America Fellowship – three civic techies creating a new public records request technology tool to facilitate access to City records
- Online Engagement – new online forums such as EngageOakland, where citizens can post comments on City issues, and OaklandAnswers, an interactive Q and A information portal
- E-filing of Campaign Finance data – a new law passed by City Council requiring all candidates and local committees to file campaign information electronically to make the data more searchable
- Budget Process Transparency and Public Participation Policy – a City Council approved resolution requiring a proposed City budget to be public for 3 days before final passage

Community-Led Initiatives

- Open Oakland – a Code for America Brigade of civic technologists working with City staff to open up City government through technology

- CityCamp Oakland – an un-conference of citizens, government and businesses to innovate, enhance transparency and civic engagement, and infuse open-source technology to improve quality of life in Oakland
- Open Budget – an OpenOakland project in collaboration with City staff to visualize budget data

Public Ethics Commission Efforts

- PEC Website redesign – to provide a portal for Oakland open government information
- Access to Public Records Subcommittee – recommended changes to the City’s public records response system
- Public Records request system improvements – PEC staff is helping create policies, procedures and training materials for staff to ensure City compliance with public records laws
- Transparency Project 2013 – designed to assess Oakland’s transparency and develop a vision for expanding Oakland’s open government approach

What’s New:

The Transparency Hearing is an opportunity to talk about open government – emerging trends, current practices, and future direction for Oakland, and it also is a chance for the Public Ethics Commission to pilot new tools that help people participate in government in new ways – whether from home or from your smartphone in the audience. Join us as we try out new technologies, which of course risk failure but are essential to innovating and improving performance.

Join Us:

To find out how to join the discussion, go to our website at www.oaklandnet.com/pec and click on “Transparency Project 2013.”

What’s Next:

At a future meeting, the Subcommittee on Access to Public Records will review and discuss what we learn at this hearing and will outline a vision and roadmap for open government in Oakland. We welcome your input!