

# NEWS FROM THE OAKLAND ETHICS COMMISSION

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## **Oakland Public Ethics Commission Appoints New Commissioner Jenna M. Whitman**

The City of Oakland Public Ethics Commission is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Jenna M. Whitman as a new Commissioner on its seven-member board. Ms. Whitman is an attorney with the Alameda County Superior Court, where she advises judges on law and motion matters in civil litigation. She is a graduate of Yale College and received her law degree from Georgetown University.

“We are delighted to welcome Ms. Whitman to the Public Ethics Commission,” said Lloyd Farnham, veteran Commissioner and newly selected Chairman of the Commission. “She brings a wealth of legal experience and a strong sense of fairness that will serve the Commission, and the City of Oakland, well in the coming years.”

Commissioner Whitman was appointed by the Commission on January 7, 2012, after a public recruitment and selection process. Pursuant to City ordinance, the Commission selects four of its members and the Mayor selects the other three on a rotating schedule. This year, Ms. Whitman is the Commission’s appointee; the Mayor is currently in the process of making her appointment.

The Public Ethics Commission oversees compliance with Oakland's Campaign Reform Act, Conflict of Interest Code, Code of Ethics, Sunshine Ordinance, Limited Public Financing Act, Lobbyist Registration Act and False Endorsement in Campaign Literature Act. The Commission conducts investigations, administers compliance programs, educates citizens and City staff on ethics-related issues, and works with City staff to ensure policies are in place and are being followed. Commissioners are volunteers as they participate in regular monthly public meetings and may also perform additional subcommittee work throughout the year. Commissioner Whitman’s term begins January 22, 2013 and runs until January 21, 2016.

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