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Oakland Public Ethics Commission Holding Hearing on November 30 to Review City Policy, Process for Distributing Tickets to Oakland Officials

The Public Ethics Commission (Commission) will hold an informational hearing on Wednesday, November 30, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council chamber to review the City of Oakland's ticket distribution policy and process by which tickets are dispersed and reported by the City and its officials.

The use of Oracle Arena and Oakland Coliseum tickets was the subject of news articles this year that highlighted the number of City-owned tickets that some elected officials received and personally used. The Public Ethics Commission is currently investigating the receipt and use of these City tickets.

Separate from the investigation, which is still ongoing, the Commission now is reviewing the City's ticket distribution policy as well as the process used to receive, track, distribute, and report tickets provided to the City pursuant to the Oakland Coliseum and Oracle Arena contract agreements. Under these agreements, and through the Oakland Alameda County Coliseum Authority, the City routinely receives 20 luxury suite tickets to all Golden State Warriors games and Arena events and 18 luxury suite tickets to Oakland A's, Oakland Raiders, and Coliseum events.

The Commission created an *ad hoc* subcommittee to lead the ticket policy and process review, which includes the November 30 public hearing as an opportunity for the Commission and the public to learn about the relevant legal framework, the existing process, and ethics and policy considerations from subject matter experts, and for the public to provide their input and suggestions for a workable policy.

"The hearing is intended to help the Commission and the public better understand how the City receives and distributes tickets, along with the legal framework surrounding that process. We also want to start generating ideas on how we ensure that these tickets, which belong to the City, are used transparently to serve Oakland's interests," said Commission Vice-Chair Marc Pilotin, Chair of the ticket policy subcommittee.

Following the hearing, the subcommittee will review what was learned at the hearing and will draft recommendations to submit to the full Commission at a later meeting.

For more details about the Ticket Distribution Policy hearing, see the Commission's [November 30 meeting agenda](#), available on the Commission's "Meetings" web-page.

The Public Ethics Commission (www.oaklandnet.com/pec) was created by voters in 1996 and has grown significantly in recent years due to the new Government Ethics Act and City Charter amendment passed in 2014. The Commission is an independent City agency, governed by a seven-member citizen board, responsible for ensuring compliance with the City's ethics, campaign finance, and transparency laws. The Commission's activities include policy leadership, education, ethics and campaign finance disclosure, investigations, and administrative prosecution.

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