

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE**

I. PURPOSE

The Political Reform Act of 1974, Government Code Section 81000 et seq. (the "PRA"), requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. Prior to the adoption of this Code, the Santa Barbara County Employees' Retirement System ("SBCERS") was subject to a conflict of interest code maintained by the County of Santa Barbara (the "County") without provisions specifically applicable to SBCERS. Since 2010, SBCERS has maintained its own conflict of interest code to more specifically address the obligations of staff and independent contractors under its direct supervision. The conflict of interest code of SBCERS ("Code") is added as an exhibit to the County Code approved by the Board of Supervisors each even numbered calendar year.

II. POLICY OBJECTIVES

The Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC") has adopted a regulation, Title 2, California Code of Regulations, Section 18730, which contains the terms of a standardized conflict of interest code which is amended from time to time to conform with amendments to the PRA. Any local agency may incorporate the standard conflict of interest code, with the obligation that it supplement the provisions of such code with a designation of employees and other individuals who are obligated to submit disclosure statements pursuant to the PRA. The following policy seeks to comply with this statutory directive, and to promote the policy set forth in Government Code Section 87100, which states that "No public official at any level of state or local government shall make, participate in making or in any way attempt to use his official position to influence a governmental decision in which he knows or has reason to know he has a financial interest."

III. INCORPORATION OF SECTION 18730

The provisions of Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 18730, and any amendments to it duly adopted by the FPPC are hereby incorporated by reference and, along with the other provisions contained herein, including Exhibits A, B and C hereto, shall constitute the conflict of interest code of SBCERS.

IV. POLICY GUIDELINES

1. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT

Although not specifically mentioned in the Exhibits to this Code, members of the Board of Retirement are separately obligated by Government Code Section 87200 to submit a general filing, as ~~a general filing~~ is further

described in Exhibit A hereto, in that they are public officials with responsibility for investment of public funds.

2. CATEGORIES OF DISCLOSURE AND INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE

The categories of disclosure required by the Code are described in Exhibit A. The individuals subject to requirements of disclosure, and the category of disclosure required for such individuals, are described in Exhibit B. Disclosure statements are public records pursuant to Government Code Section 81008(a).

3. TIMING OF DISCLOSURES

Individuals appointed, promoted or transferred to designated positions shall file initial statements within 30 days thereafter. All affected individuals shall thereafter file annual statements prior to April 1 concerning the prior calendar year. All affected individuals shall file a termination statement within 30 days of leaving a position for which a statement is required, unless assuming a similar position with SBCERS with the same or more inclusive filing requirements.

4. LOCATION OF DISCLOSURES

Every designated employee shall either file ~~his or her~~their statement of financial interest electronically with the Clerk Recorder Assessor of the County of Santa Barbara or shall file ~~their~~ original ~~of his or her~~ statement ~~of financial interests~~ with the Clerk of the SBCERS Board of Retirement ~~in the Retirement Office~~ or ~~with the Clerk Recorder Assessor of Santa Barbara County~~. In the event that an original statement is filed, the Clerk of the Board of Retirement shall make and retain a copy and forward the original to the Clerk-Recorder-Assessor ~~of the County of Santa Barbara~~.

V. POLICY REVIEW

The Retirement Board shall review this Code prior to July 1 of each even numbered calendar year to ensure that its provisions remain ~~relevant~~current and ~~appropriate~~accurate. In addition to this statutorily required bi-annual review, the Code may be reviewed and updated by the Board if new positions are added or there are any substantial changes in duties or responsibilities for any designated positions, but will not be added to the County Code until the following even numbered year.

VI. AMENDMENT HISTORY

This Policy was adopted by the Retirement Board on February 24, 2010, to be effective March 1, 2010, subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors; reviewed and revised

May 23, 2012, -May 28, 2014, January 27, 2016, -April 25, 2018, May 28, 2020, ~~and~~ March 30, 2022, and April 24, 2024.

Exhibit A

Disclosure Categories

General:

General filers shall complete all schedules for form 700 to the same extent as officials governed by the provisions of Government Code Section 87200.

Category 1:

Individuals designated in Category 1 on Exhibit B shall complete all schedules of Form 700 unless there are no reportable interests for a schedule. A "reportable interest" shall be any business entity or source of income, of a type in which the Board is authorized to invest or to contract with for investment services.

Category 2:

Individuals designated in Category 2 on Exhibit B shall complete all schedules of Form 700: except those relating to interests in real property (Form 700, Schedules B and C), unless there are no reportable interests for a schedule. A "reportable interest" shall be any business entity or source of income which (a) within the filing period has contracted with the Board to provide products or services SBCERS or (b) may do so within the foreseeable future.

Exhibit "B"
Designated Position Categories

Disclosure Category – General:

Chief Executive Officer
Assistant Chief Executive Officer(s)
General Counsel
Deputy General Counsel

Disclosure Category – 1:

~~Financial Operations Officer~~
Controller
Investment Staff
Fiduciary Counsel
Investment Counsel
~~Outside General Counsel~~
~~Deputy General Counsel~~
Clerk of the Board
Investment Consultants*
Actuarial Consultants

Disclosure Category – 2:

Controller
Senior Accounting Staff
Senior Information Technology Staff
Member Services Director
~~Outside~~ General Counsel
Deputy General Counsel

* Defined as consultants who materially assist SBCERS in decisions made by SBCERS regarding directing and approving investment transactions, formulating or approving investment policies, formulating or approving asset allocation guidelines, and/or selecting and retaining investment managers.

Exhibit C

Agency Positions that Manage Public Investments (Government Code Sections 87200, 87314)

Members of the Board of Retirement
Chief Executive Officer
Assistant Chief Executive Officer
Investment Officer