



## Legislation Text

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### **AGENDA CAPTION:**

Consider the Ethics Review Commission's recommended amendments to the San Marcos Code of Ethics including; a. campaign contribution limits; b. mandatory reporting of ethics violations; c. requiring remedial ethics training for ethics ordinance violators; d. prohibiting officials from voting on contracts that benefit any business entity they serve in any capacity; and e. requiring lobbyists to register and provide periodic reports of lobbying activity; provide direction to city staff regarding preparation of an ordinance to be placed on a regular council meeting agenda for approval on first reading; and provide additional direction, if necessary, to the ERC regarding these matters

**Meeting date:** August 6, 2018

**Department:** Legal

### **Amount & Source of Funding**

**Funds Required:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Account Number:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Funds Available:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Account Name:** Click or tap here to enter text.

### **Fiscal Note:**

**Prior Council Action:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**City Council Strategic Initiative:** [Please select from the dropdown menu below]

Choose an item.

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**Comprehensive Plan Element (s):** [Please select the Plan element(s) and Goal # from dropdown menu below]

☐ Economic Development - Choose an item.

☐ Environment & Resource Protection - Choose an item.

☐ Land Use - Choose an item.

☐ Neighborhoods & Housing - Choose an item.

☐ Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities - Choose an item.

☐ Transportation - Choose an item.

☐ Not Applicable

**Master Plan:** *[Please select the corresponding Master Plan from the dropdown menu below (if applicable)]*

Choose an item.

**Background Information:**

Council received a presentation from the Ethics Review Commission on March 20, 2018 and discussed specific recommendations regarding amendments to the San Marcos Code of Ethics pertaining to the following subjects: a. campaign contribution limits; b. mandatory reporting of ethics violations; c. requiring remedial ethics training for ethics ordinance violators; d. prohibiting officials from voting on contracts that benefit any business entity they serve in any capacity; and e. requiring lobbyists to register and provide periodic reports of lobbying activity.

The purpose of this Special Meeting is to have Council vote for or against inclusion of each of these recommended amendments in an ordinance to be considered on first reading at a regular city council meeting. If necessary, Council will also have an opportunity to vote on specific direction to city staff and the Ethics Review Commission regarding these matters.

**Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:**

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**Alternatives:**

**Recommendation:**

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