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ETHICS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Date: February 1, 2002

Memo: To the Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Re: Ethics Advisory Commission Annual Report

In accordance with Chapter 8, Section 8-1.1, the Ethics Advisory Commission is submitting their annual report of our activities for your review.

The Commission has undertaken discussions to develop internal guidelines for its members and for the public's instruction. After full hearings, a written set will be drafted and circulated for parties before the Commission.

The Commission has requested speakers on the duty of ethical deliberators. One has addressed the group and two more are scheduled to address specific topics. The Commission feels that the established views of other disciplines (law, theology, and public service professions) will assist the Commission in its implementation of the regulations.

Since the Commission is still in the initial learning stages, in lieu of making recommendations and changes at this point, we have decided to provide the Council with a report of our activities for the prior year.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Daniel C. Perez
Chair

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Ethics Advisory Commission Activity Report

The commission held a training session on July 20, 2001.

Four full meetings were held.

Three panels were seated.

Two of the complaints were dismissed.

One complaint is pending.

One declaratory ruling was seated and is still pending.

INDEX OF COMPLAINTS

<u>COMPLAINT #</u>	<u>STATUS/OUTCOME</u>	<u>ETHICS CODE SECTION</u>
1	Dismissed for lack of cause of action	12A-3
2	Dismissed for lack of jurisdiction	
3	Pending	12A-31
4	Pending	12A-12

ETHICS ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBERS

Daniel C. Perez, Chair

Calvin C. Bluiett, Vice-Chair

Rebecca Baird Bergstresser

James Clark

Gloria M. Tarpley

MISSION STATEMENT

The Ethics Commission was formulated with the goal that every citizen of Dallas should have a convenient forum for enforcement and penalties related to ethics violations. The Preface to Ordinance No. 24316 states in part:

This new code of ethics states a purpose; provides principles of conduct for elected and appointed city officials; defines terms; revises the ethics laws governing current and former officials and employees of the city; provides regulations, restrictions, and prohibitions relating to improper economic benefits, unfair advancement of private interests, gifts, confidential government information, outside employment, and use of public property and resources; regulates political activities of city officials and employees; provides restrictions on contracting with the city and representing the private interests of others before the city; provides requirements for certain city officials and employees to file financial disclosure reports and travel reports; provides for the creation, membership, qualifications, jurisdiction, and powers of an ethics advisory commission; provides procedures and requirements for the disposition of complaints of ethics violations; provides for legal counsel to the ethics advisory commission; and provides for enforcement and penalties relating to ethics violations.