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December 16, 2016

Ms. Peggy Wilson-Schmueckle
4943 Watering Trail Drive
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Via First Class Mail

Re: Ethics Complaints against various City Bond Committee Members

Dear Ms. Wilson-Schmueckle:

The Office of the City Auditor is in receipt of the sworn ethics complaint you filed against various City Bond Committee Members on December 5, 2016. My role as Compliance Auditor is to review the complaint to determine whether the facts that you have alleged, if accepted as true, would constitute a violation of the Ethics Code.

Your complaint alleges that the various Bond Committee Members have a conflict of interest due to their private and/or business relationships with employers and/or non-profit affiliations. The City Bond Committees are ad-hoc, and advisory in nature. Some members of this Committee are members of organizations that have a perspective or specialized knowledge of a particular projects or set of projects. This perspective and specialized knowledge is useful to the Bond Committees as it deliberates and weighs its options. One of the fundamental principles of the Committee makeup was to ensure the districts had a voice in terms of what projects were important to their respective communities.

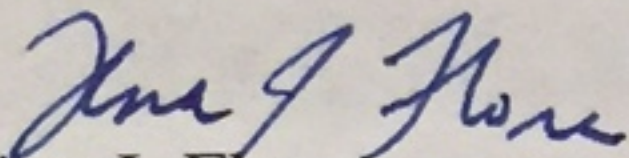
The ad-hoc committees are charged with evaluating and recommending a prioritized list of projects to City Council. The City Council will review recommendations of the Bond Committees and select various projects for the 2017 Bond Election. City Council has the final approval of the 2017 Bond Package.

The Bond Committee members are not City officials, and are not subject to the Ethics Code. Therefore, your complaint therefore does not fall within the jurisdiction of the Ethics Review Board. Under Section 2-83(c), a complaint must state on its face an allegation that, if true, would constitute a violation of the Ethics Code.

Accordingly, the complaint is dismissed and will not be forwarded to the Ethics Review Board for further action. Under Section 2-83(d)(3), I must return the complaint with a letter explaining the

defects noted above. I have attached a copy of the ethics code for your review. Please review section 2-82 for the jurisdictions of the Ethics Review Board.

Sincerely,



Tina J. Flores

Compliance Auditor

City of San Antonio

cc: Office of the City Clerk
Office of the City Attorney