

September 25, 2018

Mr. Tommy Hough
8357 Gold Coast Drive, Unit 7
San Diego, CA 92126

Subject: Acknowledgment of Complaint
Respondent(s): Chris Cate

Dear Mr. Hough:

The City of San Diego Ethics Commission has received your complaint alleging conduct by the above-named Respondent(s) that may be within the Commission's investigative and enforcement authority. The Ethics Commission is currently conducting a Preliminary Review of the information contained in the complaint. During the Preliminary Review, the Commission will not be investigating any facts alleged in your complaint, but will simply be making a determination regarding whether or not (a) the Commission has jurisdiction over the subject of the complaint; or (b) the complaint contains allegations already acted upon by the Commission; or (c) the Commission is presently investigating the same allegations from another complaint; or (d) the complaint consists of opinions or frivolous accusations.

The Ethics Commission will make reasonable efforts to complete the Preliminary Review within thirty calendar days or within fifteen calendar days if the complaint was received within ninety calendar days of a municipal election and alleges violations by a candidate seeking office at that election. After the Preliminary Review, your complaint may be presented to the Ethics Commission for a vote on whether or not to conduct a formal investigation.

Please note that, in the event the Ethics Commission authorizes a formal investigation in this matter, you will not be notified of this development nor will you be provided with information regarding the status of the ongoing investigation (although the Commission staff may contact you as a witness for additional information). As provided in Commission's Investigative and Enforcement Procedures, you will only be notified if the Commission ultimately decides to dismiss this matter. If the investigation results in an enforcement action, related information will be made public when a settlement is approved by the Commission or when the Commission releases a Final Administrative Complaint.

Sincerely,



Stacey Fulhorst
Executive Director