

**CITY OF OAKLAND
PUBLIC ETHICS COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 03-01**



**A RESOLUTION OF THE OAKLAND PUBLIC ETHICS COMMISSION
IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF
COMMISSIONER PATRICK O'HERN**

BY ORDER OF THE CHAIR: The Oakland Public Ethics Commission wishes to extend its deepest condolences to the family of Patrick O'Hern and to express its appreciation for Mr. O'Hern's dedicated and committed service to the Public Ethics Commission.

Mr. O'Hern was selected to serve on the Commission in November, 1999. Before then, he volunteered a significant amount of time to Commission-related activities, serving as a volunteer mediator, an advisor to the Campaign Finance Task Force, and as a member of the Lobbyist Registration Task Force. During his tenure on the Commission, Mr. O'Hern served as Commission Chair for two years, and served as Chair of the Rules Committee. Mr. O'Hern made significant contributions to the Commission with his extensive knowledge and appreciation of campaign finance and lobbyist registration law. More importantly, Mr. O'Hern enhanced

the Commission's work with his analytic mind, collegial manner and priceless sense of humor. His dedicated service to the Commission and to the City of Oakland will be greatly missed.

On behalf of the Public Ethics Commission, I hereby commend this Resolution to Mr. O'Hern's family with our sincere gratitude and thanks.

**VICTOR OCHOA, CHAIR
PUBLIC ETHICS COMMISSION**

Longtime Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Deputy Chief Counsel Patrick O'Hern died April 12. He was 56.

After graduating from law school in 1973, O'Hern worked as an associate for Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison. He left Brobeck in 1977 to open the West Coast office of the Federal Regulatory Commission.

In 1978, O'Hern served as chief legal counsel at the Department of Energy. "He had an amazing ability to lead a ragtag group of three-year lawyers who were going up against big oil and the large firms representing them," said Ralph Swanson III, a partner at Berliner Cohen and lifelong friend who worked under O'Hern at the DOE.

O'Hern eventually became district director of the DOE's entire western region. He joined Lawrence Livermore in 1983.

He attended Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public Policy for his undergraduate studies and earned his J.D. from Boalt Hall School of Law in 1973.

He was active in the Alameda County Bar Association and served as chair of the Oakland Public Ethics Commission.

O'Hern is survived by his wife, Patricia Brody, a partner at Jeffer, Mangels, Butler & Marmaro in San Francisco; and his daughter, Maureen O'Hern, a freshman at Princeton.