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**Public Ethics Commission**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Public Ethics Commission**

**FROM: Daniel D. Purnell**

**DATE: January 9, 2006**

**RE: Selection Of New Commissioners**

**I. BACKGROUND**

The Public Ethics Commission is required to select a Commissioner for one vacant term: The seat held by Kathryn Kasch, which term begins on January 22, 2006, and ends on January 21, 2009.

The Commission received a total of 9 applications for this vacancy. The ad hoc nominating committee reviewed applications and interviewed three candidates on December 7, 2005. The committee decided to submit two candidates for final interviews and selection by the Commission.

On December 20, 2005, Commission staff received a call from one of the candidates, Frederick Lee. Mr. Lee said he was withdrawing his name from consideration due to upcoming business dealings he and some associates are contemplating with the City next year. Mr. Lee said that he did not wish to raise even a perception that his personal business dealings might affect his work on the Commission.

Because of Mr. Lee's withdrawal, the Commission will have one candidate for the open seat. The Commission has the option of proceeding with the selection of the remaining candidate or directing the ad hoc nominating committee to select others. If the Commission chooses to proceed with the selection of the remaining candidate, the Commission can orally nominate and vote without use of the Commission's usual ranked voting procedure. If the Commission wishes to seek additional candidates, Commission staff recommends that the Commission direct the ad hoc nominating committee to meet immediately so that any additional candidates can be presented at the Commission's February, 2006, meeting.