



San Bernardino County

Legislation Text

File #: 1225, Agenda Item #: 21

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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FROM

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SUBJECT

Amended Conflict of Interest Codes on File with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Approve amended Conflict of Interest Code for Omnitrans as on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.
2. Approve amended Conflict of Interest Code for the County of San Bernardino as on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to account for two positions and to make a non-substantive clarification in language.

(Presenter: Michelle D. Blakemore, County Counsel, 387-5455)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Improve County Government Operations.

Operate in a Fiscally-Responsible and Business-Like Manner.

Ensure Development of a Well-Planned, Balanced, and Sustainable County.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not result in the use of additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

State law requires all public agencies to adopt a conflict of interest code. The Conflict of Interest Code of each agency identifies those positions that are required to disclose financial interests annually on the Form 700. The Board of Supervisors (Board) is also the code reviewing body for local government agencies, other than cities, located entirely within the geographical jurisdiction of the County.

California Government Code Section 87303 states, no conflict of interest code shall be effective until it has been approved by the code reviewing body. Each agency shall submit a proposed conflict of interest code to the code reviewing body by the deadline established by the code reviewing body. The deadline for a new agency shall be no later than six months after it comes into existence. State law also allows for an agency to amend its Conflict of Interest Code at any time. The revised code submitted for approval by Omnitrans includes the addition of new positions.

The County is also required to periodically review and amend its own Conflict of Interest Code to account for

new positions and title changes. The amended San Bernardino County Conflict of Interest Code is being submitted under Recommendation No. 2.

The Code is being amended to add the following positions:

Department	Action	Position	Disclosure Category
Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk	Add	Chief of Assessment Services	1
Board of Supervisors	Add	Executive Secretary	1

Non-substantive clarifying language is added to the Conflict of Interest Code. The term “sources of income” is amended to read “sources of income (including gifts and income).”

PROCUREMENT

N/A/

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Adam Ebright, Deputy County Counsel, 387-3061) on October 7, 2019; the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors (Lynna Monell, Clerk of the Board, 387-3841) on September 18, 2019; Finance (Carl Lofton, Administrative Analyst, 387-5404) on October 21, 2019, 2019; and County Finance and Administration (Robert Saldana, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-4342) on October 21, 2019.