

First 5 Commission of San Diego
October 5, 2009
Change to Article IIIIP First 5 Commission of San Diego

Request:

The action before the Commission is to approve staff recommended changes to administrative code Article IIIIP First 5 Commission of San Diego.

Background:

At the June 3, 2009 Commission meeting, the Chairwoman directed staff to do a review of the advisory committees to the Commission with regard to any potential conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest, and recommend policy changes if necessary. As a result of this review several Commission policies were changed and adopted by the Commission.

At the June 29, 2009 meeting the Commission approved a by-law change with respect to conflict of interest and membership on advisory committees for the Commission.

Further review by Commission staff determined that the language in the County of San Diego Administrative Code Article IIIIP First 5 Commission of San Diego should be changed to reflect the changes already made to the Commission by-laws and policies.

Additional changes to the Administrative code are recommended to:

- Comply with State legislation. The California Attorney General issued an advisory opinion that County First 5 Commissions have the authority to approve their strategic plans and that Boards of Supervisors should review and comment on them.
- Respond to a recommendation presented by Commissioner McBrayer at the August 17, 2009 meeting. At that time, she requested that members consider a change in the Ordinance to identify the outgoing Chair of the Board of Supervisors to serve as the Chair of the First 5 Commission. Commissioner McBrayer noted that the current difficult economic conditions place significant demands on the Board Chair, in addition to the further responsibilities attached as the Chair of the First 5 Commission. Having the outgoing Board Chair serve in this capacity would allow more focused time for oversight and policy direction for First 5. This change would also provide continuity and stability during a time of significant transition in the Commission. Chairwoman Jacob recused herself from this discussion

Commission History:

- The last change to the Administrative Code Article IIIIP First 5 Commission, was in May 2006. The change was effected through Ordinance No. 9777 to update the language of section 84.101 (b) by adding subsection (iv) addressing outcome measurements of funded programs.

Staff Recommendations:

- 1) Approve the recommended changes to Article IIIIP First 5 Commission of San Diego.

Fiscal Impact:

None.