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Eye on Sacramento Issues Critical Review of City's Proposed Sunshine Ordinance and Ethics Code

Eye on Sacramento, Sacramento's watchdog and policy group, issued a highly critical review today of the city's proposed Sunshine Ordinance and Ethics Code. The proposals will be reviewed today by the city council's Law & Legislation Committee at a 3:00 p.m. meeting at the city council's chambers at city hall

In an introductory comment on the proposals, the EOS review states:

"The staff proposals are not a serious effort to enact real transparency or ethics reform in Sacramento. They are, in general, a restatement of existing practices, designed to offer the public the window dressing of reform but not the substance of it. Such a minimalist approach fails to address the aspirations of the public for serious open government and ethics reform at City Hall."

EOS's critique concludes with the following statement:

"The proposed ordinances demonstrate a lack of commitment to the values of open government and accountability for the ethical conduct of city business. The ordinances may hoodwink the public into believing that real reforms have been adopted – for a while. But if these ordinances are adopted as proposed, it shouldn't take long for the public to discover just how ineffectual they are in responding to the problems of opaque city government and unethical conduct by city officials."

EOS representatives and members of its Open Government Subgroup will appear before the Law & Legislation Committee later today.

The EOS review may be viewed [here](#).

Attachment #1 - Draft Sunshine Ordinance, with EOS Comments, may be viewed [here](#)

Attachment #2 - EOS's Table of Proposed Sunshine Ordinance Reforms may be viewed [here](#)

Attachment #3 - Milpitas Sunshine Ordinance may be viewed [here](#)

Attachment #4 - Draft Ethics Code, with EOS comments, may be viewed [here](#)

Attachment #5 - EOS's Summary of Proposed Ethics Code may be viewed [here](#)