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STAFF CHANGES 2013

While the Ethics Commission's core duties and responsibilities remain the same, external demands have shifted over the last several years, in many cases resulting in an imbalance in the allocation of staff resources. In order to adapt to these changes and better allocate scarce resources, the Commission has combined, reassigned, and in some cases created entirely new staff responsibilities. This includes senior staff members you have been dealing with for many years. As of August 1, 2013, the following senior staff members have been given the following duties and responsibilities:

- **Teresa Pell** (former SEI Attorney) has been moved into the newly-created position of Assistant Director; as such she will assist me in assuring that the Commission accomplishes all of its legally-mandated duties, as well as perform many more critical functions;
- **Sue Lundberg** will assume Teresa's SEI Attorney position, taking charge of an enhanced SEI section which has been given significant additional responsibilities in the last two legislative sessions;
- **Kathy Edwards** will assume all advisory responsibilities, including those pertaining to the Lobbying Law, lobbyists, lobbyist principals, liaison personnel, and local government liaisons;
- **Carson Carmichael** will continue as the Commission's Complaints Attorney heading up all investigations and complaint inquiries under both the Ethics Act and Lobbying Law;
- Education duties, including live and distance presentations, will be shared by all senior staff, but led by Teresa and myself.

The Commission believes that these changes will result in a more focused and responsive operating structure that will ultimately work to everyone's benefit, most notably including those seeking its assistance.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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