

# State Mandated Ethics Training (AB 1234)

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## **Ethics Training**

Many public officials are required to take an ethics training course to educate them on the ethical standards required of any individual who works in state or local government. Public officials may utilize free online courses available to satisfy this requirement. Please note that the state officials ethics course will not satisfy the local officials ethics course requirements and vice versa.

## **For Local Officials**

Cities, counties and special districts in California are required by law (AB 1234, Chapter 700, Stats. of 2005) to provide ethics training to their local officials.

The law also provides that if an entity develops criteria for the ethics training required by AB 1234, the Fair Political Practices Commission and the Attorney General must be consulted regarding any proposed course content.

An online training program has been established that allows local officials to satisfy the requirements of AB 1234 on a cost-free basis. A minimum of two (2) hours must be tracked through the online course for you to meet the requirement. The course can be accessed via the link below. When the training is finished, you must print the Certification of Completion provided at the end and submit the original to the Clerk Administrator.

Local Officials Ethics Training Course: <http://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/login.aspx>.

The FPPC cannot advise on the legal requirements of AB 1234 because the FPPC does not have jurisdiction to do so. For questions pertaining to legal interpretation and application of AB 1234, please consult your local agency counsel.

If you have questions, concerns, or technical issues related to the online training program offered on the FPPC website only, please feel free to contact us at: [ab1234@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:ab1234@fppc.ca.gov).

**RESOLUTION 2014-075**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS,  
DESIGNATING LOCAL AGENCY OFFICIALS FOR THE PURPOSES OF  
CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 53234, LISTING THE OFFICIALS  
AND ADVISORY BODIES THAT MUST COMPLY WITH ETHICS TRAINING  
REQUIRED UNDER ASSEMBLY BILL 1234**

**WHEREAS**, In California, state laws create a complex set of requirement laws that guide elected officials and agency staff in their service to their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Promoting understanding of and compliance with the laws governing public service ethics is necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill 1234 was passed by the State Assembly and State Senate in August of 2005, signed by the Governor in October 2005 and codified, in part, at Government Code Section 53234, et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, Government Code Section 53234 (c)(1) identifies certain positions that must comply with the required ethics training and defines a Local Agency Official as any member of a local agency “legislative body” or any elected official who receives any type of compensation, salary, or stipend or reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties; and

**WHEREAS**, Government Code Section 54952 (a) defines “legislative body” as the governing body of a local agency or any other local body created by state or federal statute and subsection (b) further defines “legislative body” as a commission, committee, board, or other body of a local agency, whether permanent or temporary, decision making or advisory, created by charter, ordinance, resolution or formal action of a legislative body.

**WHEREAS**, Government Code Section 53234 (c)(2) requires any employee designated by a local agency legislative body to receive the training.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos does hereby designate the Local Agency Officials and Advisory Bodies listed in Exhibit A as officials required to participate in ethics training pursuant to Government Code Section 53234.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos, California held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014, by the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

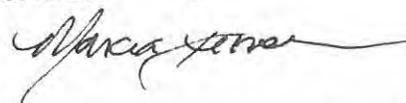
AYES: Steven Leonardis, Rob Rennie, Marico Sayoc, Barbara Spector, Mayor Marcia Jensen

NAYS:

ABSENT:

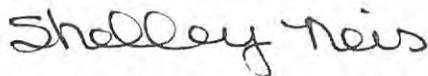
ABSTAIN:

SIGNED:



MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

ATTEST:



CLERK OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

**EXHIBIT A  
LOCAL AGENCY OFFICIALS  
DESIGNATED FOR AB 1234 TRAINING**

**ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

Council Members

**APPOINTED OFFICIALS and EXECUTIVE TEAM:**

Town Manager  
Assistant Town Manager  
Assistant to the Town Manager  
Town Attorney  
Deputy Town Attorney  
Town Clerk Administrator  
Community Development Director  
Chief of Police  
Director of Finance  
Human Resources Director  
Parks & Public Works Director  
Library Director

**ADVISORY BODIES:**

Planning Commission