

Resolution No. 86-0131

# STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

That the CREED FOR COUNCILMEMBERS, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and by reference made a part hereof, is hereby adopted.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 17th day of March, 1986.

*Barbara Fass*  
BARBARA FASS, Mayor  
of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

*Frances Hong*  
FRANCES HONG, City Clerk  
of the City of Stockton

## CREED FOR COUNCILMEMBERS

As a City Councilmember, I believe:

That the proper operation of democratic government requires that public officials be independent and impartial in their judgment and actions; that government decisions and policy be made in the proper channels of the governmental structure; that public office not be used for personal gain; and that the public have confidence in the integrity of its government and public officials.

And that the realization of these ends is impaired whenever there exists, or appears to exist, an actual or potential conflict between the private interests of a governmental official and his or her public duties. The public interest requires high standards with respect to official conduct.

Therefore, as a City Councilmember of the City of Stockton, I assert my solemn belief that the primary responsibility for maintaining a high level of conduct among city officials and employees falls upon the Council as the governing body elected by the people.

Consequently, as a Councilmember, I believe it is my duty to:

1. Represent and work for the common good of the people of my city and not for private interest, assuring fair and equal treatment of all persons, claims, and transactions coming before me in my official capacity.
2. Learn the background and purposes of major ordinances before voting.
3. Refrain from disclosing confidential information concerning the city government, in accordance with the provisions of the Brown Act.
4. Help the Council maintain the highest standard of rules of conduct by refusing to approve breaches of public trust or improper attempts to influence legislation and by being willing to vote to censure any Councilmember who willfully violates the duly established rules of conduct for Councilmembers. Censure should be for just cause and not for political purposes.
5. Refuse to represent private interests before Stockton City agencies except, as may be my duty toward constituents, such service to be rendered without compensation, and refuse to accept or engage in any employment incompatible with my public duties.
6. Faithfully perform my duties as a Councilmember by attending all sessions of the Council and of its committees of which I am a member, unless unable to do so for some compelling reason or disability. I will make every attempt to be punctual and ready for Council business.

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Councilmember signature

Exhibit "A"

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