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To the election Officer of Cottage Grove

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City Initiative Text

Appendix XIII shall be added to the Cottage Grove Municipal Code. This new section shall read: **“During a public meeting or public hearing when a City Councilor or Planning Commissioner declares ex parte contact on a quasi-judicial matter, that Councilor or Commissioner must also immediately declare bias or non-bias toward the quasi-judicial decision to be made. If the Councilor or Commissioner declares a biased position then that official will be recused. If the Councilor or Commissioner declares a non-biased position, then prior to voting on the quasi-judicial decision the other Councilors or Commissioners, after discussion and reasons for each Councilor’s or Commissioner’s vote, shall vote on whether or not they accept the statement of non-bias by the official who declared ex parte contact. If a unanimous vote is not in agreement with the Councilor’s or Commissioner’s statement of non-bias, then that official will be recused. If a recusal results in less than a quorum needed to vote on an urgent quasi-judicial decision which cannot be delayed then the possibly biased official may be allowed to vote on the quasi-judicial decision, but not participate in discussion or debate of the issues from which the possible bias arose.”**