

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY FOR MEMBERS OF
THE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

In order to ensure that members of the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee ("ICOC") act pursuant to the highest ethical standards and to avoid potential conflicts of interest, the ICOC hereby adopts the following Conflicts of Interest Policy for members, including alternates, of the ICOC:

1. Members of the ICOC shall not apply for grants, loans or contracts from the ICOC, nor shall they act as a Principal Investigator in any research funded by the ICOC.¹
2. Members of the ICOC shall not make, participate in making, or in any way attempt to use their official position to influence a decision regarding a grant, loan, or contract with their employer.
3. Members of the ICOC shall not make, participate in making or in any way attempt to use their official position to influence a decision regarding a grant, loan, or contract that financially benefits the member or the entity he or she represents.
4. Members of the ICOC shall not make, participate in making or in any way attempt to use their official position to influence a decision if it is reasonably foreseeable that the decision will have a material financial effect, distinguishable from its effect on the public generally, on the member or his or her immediate family, or on one of the member's financial interests as defined in the Political Reform Act.
5. When a member of the ICOC is precluded from participating in a decision because he or she has a conflict of interest, the member shall recuse himself or herself from discussing and voting on the matter, unless the matter has been placed on the portion of the agenda reserved for uncontested matters.
6. Members of the ICOC shall not receive or accept any gift from any person or entity who is doing business with, or seeking to do business with, the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine ("CIRM") under circumstances from which it reasonably could be substantiated that the gift was intended to influence the member's future official actions or to reward the member for past ones.
7. Members of the ICOC shall not receive or accept, directly or indirectly, any gift, including money, or any service, gratuity, favor, entertainment, hospitality, loan, or any other thing of value from a lobbyist who is registered to lobby the ICOC or CIRM.
8. Nothing in this Statement is intended to modify the express authorization in Health and Safety Code section 125290.30(g) (1) (B), which provides: "A member of the ICOC may participate in a decision to approve or award a grant, loan or contract to an entity for the purpose of research involving a disease from which a member of his or her immediate family suffers or in which the member has an

¹ Deans of medical schools and executive officers of research institutions oversee and advise researchers in their institutions and sign off on all grants as part of the basic duties of their position. This activity shall not be deemed to be a conflict of interest. Recusal, however, is required in this situation, under Proposition 71 and points 2, 3, 4 and 5.

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interest as a representative of a disease advocacy organization.”