

## Appendix A

### **Cedar Rapids, IA**

#### Demographics

Population: 123,944

Median Family Income: \$57,792

Families Below Poverty Level: 7.8%

Median Home Value: \$116,300

#### Ethics Codes/Boards:

*Ordinance No. 039-07.* (2007, August 15). Retrieved July 15, 2008 from [http://www.cedar-rapids.org/ethics/documents/ethics\\_board\\_ordinance.pdf](http://www.cedar-rapids.org/ethics/documents/ethics_board_ordinance.pdf)

The Cedar Rapids City Council amended the municipal code to include a new section, "6.22 Cedar Rapids Board of Ethics Rules and Procedures." The Board of Ethics is to be an independent board charged with enforcement of "conflict of interest and financial disclosure ordinances."

#### Corruption Cases:

\*\*I found just a couple of cases (1 bribery and something regarding a sewer scandal), but both predated the year 2000 (which I thought might be a good cutoff date for information that may be relevant to the survey). If you'd like these cases, let me know.

### **Madison, WI**

#### Demographics

Population: 214,098

Median Family Income: \$69,709

Families Below Poverty Level: 5.0%

Median Home Value: \$215,500

#### Ethics Codes/Boards:

May, Michael P. (City Attorney). (2007, June 2008). *Summary of MGO 3.35, Code of Ethics.* Retrieved July 13, 2008 from

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/attorney/documents/EthicsCodeSummary.pdf>

A summary of the restricted actions and enforcement of violations for "elected officials, employees, and members of boards, committees, and commissions." An ethics board was established by the ordinance to provide advisory opinions and hear complaints. There is also a policy manual for the ethics board that is available.

#### Corruption Cases:

I could not find anything regarding this city. This is a demonstration (like Cedar Rapids may be) of the thought that municipal government actions are not as newsworthy as state and federal government ethical violations, even though some crimes may be just as bad at the local level. I think that Las Vegas and Honolulu may be exceptions because of what they are (Las Vegas having its reputation and Honolulu being a mix of City and County)

## **Chattanooga, TN**

### Demographics

Population: 151,944  
Median Family Income: \$46,689  
Families Below Poverty Level: 14.1%  
Median Home Value: \$119,900

### Ethics Codes/Boards:

*Resolution No. 24457.* (2005, September 27). Retrieved July 14, 2008 from <http://209.85.141.104/search?q=cache:3gYvZxo3PT0J:www.chattanooga.gov/ordireso/Resolutions%25202005/24557%2520Conflict%2520of%2520Interest%2520%26%2520Code%2520of%2520Ethics%2520for%2520Council%2520Members.doc+chattanooga+Resolution+No.+24557&hl=en&ct=clnk&cd=2&gl=us>

A resolution of the City Council establishing the minimum acceptable standards for ethical behavior to “avoid the perception of impropriety.”

### Corruption Cases:

*Sandra Jones Love Charged Along With Kenardo Curry.* (2007, July 7). Retrieved July 14, 2008 from [http://www.chattanoogan.com/articles/article\\_109806.asp](http://www.chattanoogan.com/articles/article_109806.asp)

Kenardo Curry, former director of the City’s Neighborhood Services Department, has been charged with several wrong doings, including theft of property. Charges were also filed against Sandra Jones Love who was “an official at the Chattanooga Convention and Visitors Bureau.” Her husband, Charles Love, was a county school board member who pleaded guilty to bribery charges.

*Zehnder Replacing Healy at City Parks and Recreation.* (2006, March 14). Retrieved July 14, 2008 from [http://www.chattanoogan.com/articles/article\\_82002.asp](http://www.chattanoogan.com/articles/article_82002.asp)

Rob Healy was replaced as director of the City’s Parks and Recreation department after refusing to take his old position with Outdoor Chattanooga as offered by Mayor Littlefield. “Mr. Healy said he had ‘refused to play the political game’ or to condone fraudulent spending.” The Mayor went against Mr. Healy’s recommendation and hired a professional management firm for specific duties in the city. He claims he was told several times that he had to be more “political” which he felt meant he had to compromise his values.

**HONOLULU CDP, HI** (For comparison purposes, it should be noted that the Honolulu municipal government organization includes both the City and the County of Honolulu)

### Demographics

Population: 364,522  
Median Family Income: \$69,530  
Families Below Poverty Level: 8.1%  
Median Home Value: \$583,300

### Ethics Codes/Boards:

*Ethics Commission.* Retrieved July 14, 2008 from <http://www.co.honolulu.hi.us/ethics/>

The City's Ethics Commission had been in existence since before 2000. It is the commission's job to educate city employees and officers on how to ethically perform their duties and to deal with financial disclosures, recommend discipline for ethics law violations, and administer lobbying laws. In Fiscal Year 2007, "the Commission received 415 requests for advice and complaints...The Commission held nine meetings and issued no formal advisory opinions." There were 32 complaints of unethical behavior by City employees with the largest increase seen among middle managers.

#### Corruption Cases:

Pang, Godon Y.K. (2001, July 4). Mirikitani Guilty. *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*. Retrieved July 14, 2008 from <http://starbulletin.com/2001/07/04/news/story1.html>

Councilman Andy Mirikitani was found guilty by a U.S. District Court on counts of theft, extortion, bribery, wire fraud, and witness tampering. Mirikitani also gave bonuses to staff aides in exchange for kickbacks. The councilman was known for his avid stance against adult entertainment and bar owners and as a "champion for ethics".

Kerr, Keoki. *Investigators Given Hundreds of Dollars in Bribes Each Night*. (2003, December 18). Retrieved July 13, 2008 from <http://www.kitv.com/print/2714072/detail.html>

Nearly the whole night shift from the City liquor investigator staff was indicted on charges of extortion and racketeering in May of 2002. One of the investigators, while working undercover for the FBI, claimed that "on any given night I might have gone home with \$1,000 or \$1,500 cash," in exchange for overlooking minor violations (intentionally found by the investigator for the purpose of enticing the bribes).

Kobayashi, Ken. (2007, August 15). Honolulu DMV Worker Indicted in Bribetaking. *Honolulu Advertiser*. Retrieved July 13, 2008 from <http://the.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/2007/Aug/15/In/hawaii708150378.html>

Brian K. Hamasaki was indicted on bribery charges and admitted to accepting money to "illegally update motor vehicle registrations for at least 12 years." As a customer service representative, Hamasaki would charge about half the cost of registration for his services, then keep the money.

## **SPOKANE, WA**

### Demographics

Population: 197,446

Median Family Income: \$47,412

Families Below Poverty Level: 11.3%

Median Home Value: \$141,900

### Ethics Codes/Boards:

*bcc info*. Retrieved July 17, 2008 from

<http://www.spokanecity.org/government/bcc/info/default.aspx?bccid=2594>

Spokane has an Ethics Committee that was created by Ordinance C33969 in order to promote the “highest standards of ethics from all of its employees and officers...” There are a total of 4 complaints listed on the City Clerk’s Website (one of which is the case of Mr. Flint – see below). All four were found to not be in violation or outside the jurisdiction of the Ethics Committee.

Corruption Cases:

CBS/Associated Press. (2006, Feb. 17). *Former Spokane Mayor in the Clear*. Retrieved July 17, 2008 from <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2005/05/06/politics/printable693446.shtml>.

Former Mayor Jim West was accused of abusing his office in order to entice young gay men on the internet into a relationship. West was recalled by a 65% vote in December of 2005. The City Council hired an investigator to determine if West had violated state law or city computer use policies. He was also the subject of an FBI investigation, but insufficient evidence was found to charge him.

Not So Complicated. (2006, May 17). *Spokesman Review*. Retrieved July 17, 2008 from [http://www.spokesmanreview.com/tools/story\\_pf.asp?asp?ID=129694](http://www.spokesmanreview.com/tools/story_pf.asp?asp?ID=129694)

Roger Flint, former Spokane Director of Public Works, joined engineering firm CH2M Hill after leaving the cities employ. He had previously been overseer to \$8 million worth of contracts that the City had with CH2M Hill. Spokane’s ethic’s ordinance seems to be clear that there is a one year “cooling off” period in which “no former officer or employee shall...participate in matters involving the city if, while in the course of employment with the city, the former officer or employee was officially involved in the matter...”

**Las Vegas, NV** (“Happiest Mayor in the Universe” – self proclaimed title – *Mayor Oscar B. Goodman Biography*. Retrieved July 13, 2008 from <http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov/information /14959.htm>)

Demographics

Population: 569,753  
Median Family Income: \$61,038  
Families Below Poverty Level: 8.4%  
Median Home Value: \$309,800

Ethics Codes/Boards:

The City of Las Vegas relies on the Nevada Commission on Ethics.

Corruption Cases:

Schwartz, David McGrath. (2007, April 18). Mayor, Developer Express Frustration. *Las Vegas Review Journal*. Retrieved July 13, 2008 from [http://www.reviewjournal.com/lvrj\\_home/2007/Apr-18-Wed-2007/news/13832308.html](http://www.reviewjournal.com/lvrj_home/2007/Apr-18-Wed-2007/news/13832308.html)

In October 2006, a report was issued by the Nevada attorney general’s office finding that several apparent favors were granted to developer Bill Walters by the City of Las Vegas in regards to the Royal Links Golf Club. The report did not investigate a supposed connection between former Las Vegas Public Works Director Richard Goecke and Walters. Goecke’s daughter worked for the Walter’s Group and was named in the investigation.

Koch, Ed. (2008, May 15). The Many Colors of Mayor Oscar Goodman. *The Las Vegas Sun*. Retrieved July 13, 2008 from

<http://www.lasvegassun.com/news.2008/may/15/many-colors-mayor-oscar-goodman/>

The current mayor of Las Vegas has a very questionable past and even a somewhat disputed present. This article briefly details Oscar Goodman's history as a mob lawyer (best know for representing "kingpin Meyer Lansky, former Stardust hotel boss Frank "Lefty" Rosenthal and Chicago Mafia enforcer Tony "The Ant" Spilotro."), one of the "15 best trial lawyers" (from the National Law Journal), and his lengthy and successful career as the "happiest mayor in the universe" (see above). As criticized and controversial as he is, the mayor has won every election by a large margin, capturing 84% of the vote in 2007 (see biography referenced in title). Goodman has advocated legalized prostitution ("bordello-lined "Little Amsterdam") in downtown Las Vegas, stated to a crowd of fourth-graders that if he could only have one thing on a desert island, it would be a bottle of gin, signed a contract to be a spokesman for a gin company, and even suggested that punishments such as stocks, whippings, and canings should be brought back into use. However, even though he has been censured and fined, no finding of ethics violations have been great enough to warrant or cause enough interest in a recall by the voters.

Packer, Adrienne. Federal Case: Tax Probe Targeting McDonald. (2007, July 26). *The Las Vegas Review Journal*. Retrieved July 13, 2008 from

<http://www.lvrj.com/news/8723862.html>

Former councilman, Michael McDonald was investigated for tax fraud on money he collected from his private consulting business while in office. The article also makes reference to possible connections with Michael Galardi in the "G-sting" case, wherein it was thought he might have been involved in the bribery of local officials in order to receive favorable votes for local strip clubs. He was never charged with anything in relation to the bribery scandal.

Neff, Erin. (2007, Oct. 04). Council Swings, Misses on Pay Raises. *The Las Vegas Review Journal*. Retrieved July 13, 2008 from

<http://www.lvrj.com/opinion/10228211.html>

On Wednesday (Oct. 3, 2007), the Las Vegas City Council introduced a proposed pay raise that would 52% higher for the mayor and council, including increasing their car allowances. This article expresses the opinion that the proposed reason for these raises (to reduce political corruption among the elected body) would not be fulfilled.

