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## City Attorney Dennis Herrera News Release

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*Law professor, former law school dean and Chief Assistant S.F. Public Defender brings 'extraordinary professionalism and legal credentials' to five-member panel*

SAN FRANCISCO (Oct. 21, 2013)—City Attorney Dennis Herrera today named law professor and law school dean emeritus Peter Keane to the San Francisco Ethics Commission. Keane brings a wealth of experience in law and government ethics issues to the five-member panel, which is charged with serving citizens, public officials and political candidates through education and enforcement of ethics laws and regulations.

Keane currently serves as a professor of law and dean emeritus at Golden Gate University Law School, and as a visiting professor at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, where he teaches evidence, criminal procedure, constitutional law and professional responsibility. He served for 20 years as San Francisco's Chief Assistant Public Defender, and was appointed by the Board of Supervisors in 2004 to serve a term on the San Francisco Police Commission. Keane, a former president of the Bar Association of San Francisco and vice-president of the State Bar of California, remains a highly sought-after legal commentator for local, national, and international news organizations, and has hosted numerous legal roundtables and radio programs, including "Keane on the Law" for KPIX Radio. He authored 1994's Proposition 190, the successful statewide ballot measure that amended California's Constitution to reform and restructure the Commission on Judicial Performance, the agency that oversees the California Judiciary.

"Peter Keane brings extraordinary professionalism and legal credentials to the San Francisco Ethics Commission, and I know San Franciscans will be extremely well served by his experience as an educator and veteran public servant," Herrera said. "Peter's dedication to the cause of justice and remarkable knowledge of government ethics will be an enormously valuable asset for the commission and the citizens it serves."

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The San Francisco Charter specifies that the City Attorney's appointment to the Ethics Commission have a background in law as it relates to government ethics. Created by voters with the passage of Proposition K in November 1993, the Ethics Commission is empowered to, among other things, administer the City's ethics laws, including its campaign contribution, conflict of interest, lobbying and whistle-blowing laws; to investigate alleged violations of those laws and to impose penalties; and to submit proposed ordinances directly to voters relating to government ethics.

Keane fills the vacancy created by Herrera's prior appointee, Jamiene S. Studley, who was recently named Deputy Undersecretary of the U.S. Department of Education in the Obama Administration. Keane's term is set to expire on Oct. 22, 2019.

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