General Counsel’s Certification
Regarding Closure
of the
Institutional Advancement Committee Meeting
of
March 6, 2015

On February 24, 2015, the Board of Directors (“Board”) of the Legal Services Corporation (“LSC” or “Corporation”) voted to authorize closure of the Institutional Advancement Committee (“Committee”) meeting scheduled for March 6, 2015. The Committee has publicly announced that at its closed session, it will discuss the Leaders Council Prospective Members, ongoing grant possibilities and fundraising update.

I have been given to understand that the Committee Chairman expects the Committee will discuss names and qualifications of specific individuals who might be considered as Prospective Leaders Council Members, and the identity of potential individual contributors or funders. I hereby certify that, in my opinion, the closing of the March 6, 2015, Committee meeting for this purpose is authorized by the relevant provision of the Government in the Sunshine Act ("Sunshine Act"), 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(6) (authorizing the closure of a meeting and withholding personal information the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy), and the corresponding provision of the Corporation’s implementing regulation, 45 C.F.R. § 1622.5(e).

When made in advance of a meeting, the Corporation’s determination must of necessity be an estimate of what is likely to transpire at the meeting. If the determination has been made that it is more likely than not that exempt matters will be discussed at the closed portion of the meeting, then there has been a sufficient showing that the exemptions apply. If, however, the discussions that actually occur extend beyond applicable exemptions, then those portions of the verbatim transcript of the session must be made public. Barring any unforeseen delays, the transcripts will be reviewed upon receipt and the necessary determination made within thirty (30) days of the Committee meeting.

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General Counsel

2/25/15
Date