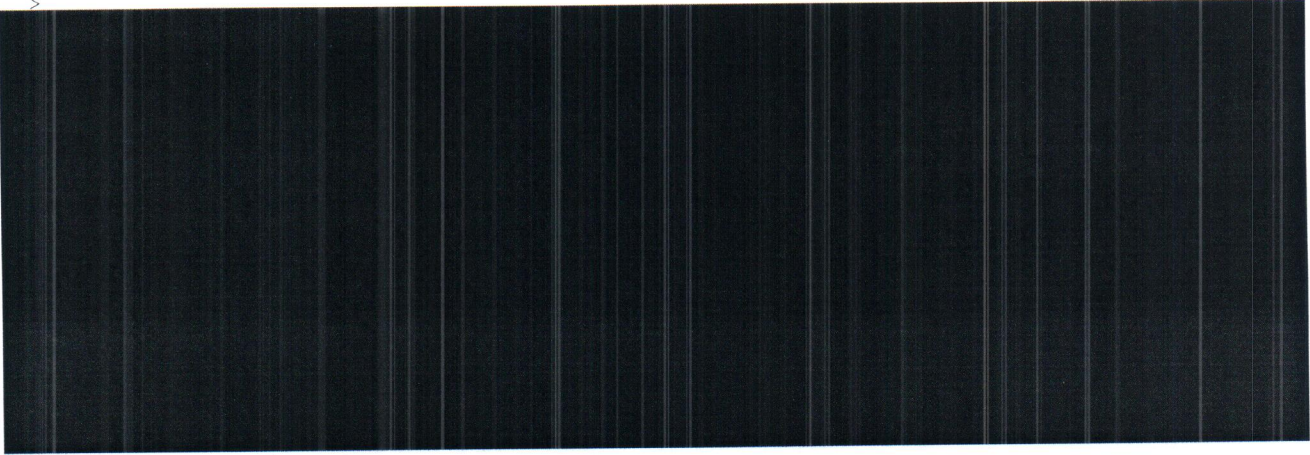


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Subject: Re: Expect Conflict of interest complaints to be filed with the Ohio Ethics Commission

Thanks.

Sent from my iPad

> On Mar 18, 2015, at 4:35 PM, Butler, Kevin wrote:
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> Thanks. I responded earlier but thought I'd copy the Mayor and Council President on my thoughts
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> Our residents, wisely, have imagined and self-legislated their preferences in these settings involving conflicts of interest. Mike Skindell not only had the charter provision incorrectly identified the other night; he had it incorrectly interpreted as well.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Bullock, Tom
> Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 2:46 PM
> To: Butler, Kevin
> Cc: Summers, Mike; Madigan, Mary
> Subject: Expect Conflict of interest complaints to be filed with the Ohio Ethics Commission
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> Kevin,
> I'm picking up chatter in the community on several key points re: hospital LOI proceedings:
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> 1) expect a ballot initiative attempt to repeal any enacting legislation that may be adopted by Council. The citizen group meeting at the Library says they plan to take this step. If this comes to pass (which is not certain), this presumably would alter the effective date of any ordinance subject to referendum.
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> 2) Expect formal ethics complaints to be filed at the appropriate body in Columbus (presumably the Ohio Ethics Commission) re: alleged conflicts of interest by City elected officials serving as LHA Trustees. The LOI provisions guaranteeing the Mayor's support for the deal may come under special scrutiny (as directly conflicting with the chief executive's ability to negotiate and/or enforce city contracts, etc.). Senator Skindell's letter to Council outlines several arguments along these lines. I do not know whether he or some other party intends to file such complaints, but we can expect them to come in the near future.
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> It may be advisable for those of us considering City legislation related to the LOI who serve on the LHA Trustees Board to reconsider or change our votes to "abstain" in LHA minutes or subsequent action. Failing this, we might face the argument that we have a conflict that would require us to abstain from voting on City legislation on this topic.

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> Sincerely,

> Tom

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