



ETHICS COMMISSION
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

GREG FISCHER
MAYOR

September 28, 2015

Bill Hollander
District 9 Councilman
Louisville Metro Council
601 West Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY 40202

RE: REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION 15-O-001

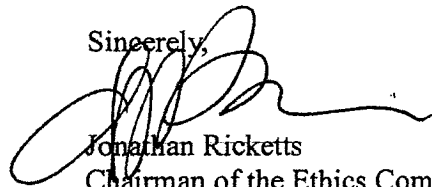
Dear Councilman Hollander:

You have asked if your financial interest (retirement payments) in the Wyatt Firm constitutes a conflict with the interest of the public 1.) under LMO 21.02(G); and 2.) if you must recuse yourself from all Metro Council action affecting clients of the Firm.

Based on your description of your retirement payments from the Firm, we are of the opinion that your financial interest in any matter pending before a Metro agency in which the Firm is representing a private client would likely be *de minimus* and therefore a remote interest. It is also very likely that your interest in the Firm is sufficiently remote to allow your participation in Metro Council matters affecting clients of the Firm.

This is, however, a general statement based on the facts presented and may not apply to specific situations. For example, the Firm rarely represents clients in contingency cases so the success of the Firm is unlikely to affect the Firm's annual income to an extent that your financial gain could be ascertained. It will be your responsibility, before taking any official action, to seek out the information necessary to determine if your interest remains *de minimus* and therefore remote.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Ricketts
Chairman of the Ethics Commission

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