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FROM: Victoria Frigo

DATE: Jan. 7, 2010

RE: INQ 10-03, Curtis Lawrence, Community Council #14

On Jan. 6, 2010, Mr. Lawrence asked if he had a voting conflict regarding a rezoning matter that will be presented by the 2nd Baptist Church of Richmond Heights at the next meeting of Redland Community Council #14. Mr. Lawrence sits on Council #14 and is a member of the 2nd Baptist Church, but he was not aware that the church was submitting a proposal to the Council until he received the agenda for Jan. 12, 2010.

I advised Mr. Lawrence that he does not have a voting conflict because he does not hold any of the enumerated relationships with the church specified in Sect. 2-11.1 (v) and he will not be directly affected by approving or denying the rezoning request.

Mr. Lawrence stated that he would have preferred to absent himself from the meeting to avoid an appearance of impropriety, but his presence is necessary to obtain a quorum. I suggested that he could announce, if he chose, that he had received an informal opinion from the Ethics Commission staff prior to the vote and explain why he has no conflict.