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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ann Marie Tracey, Chair
Cincinnati Economic Development Review Panel

FROM: Paul M. Nick, Executive Director
Ohio Ethics Commission

DATE: March 6, 2021

RE: Municipal Ethics Commissions – General Information

Attached is a list of several municipal ethics commissions with general contact information and web site links. In addition, there is some background data (number of commissioners, staff, budget, etc.) that is derived from information provided in response to a survey we sent to members of the Council of Governmental Ethics Laws (COGEL). I am a past president of that organization and, along with my colleague, Steve Berlin, who is the Executive Director of the Chicago Board of Ethics and current President of COGEL, we send out this survey each year to generate information for an Ethics Update we present at COGEL's annual COGEL.

This is not an exhaustive list of all municipal and county ethics commissions, but it covers most of the larger ones. I have included information about our Commission and also the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee for comparative purposes.

I will provide you with more information in advance of and during my presentation to the Panel on March 26, but I wanted to send this preliminary information for your review.

CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles City Ethics Commission

200 North Spring Street, City Hall 24th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Phone: (213) 978-1960
Fax: (213) 978-1988

Agency Head/Contact: Heather Holt, Executive Director
E-mail: heather.holt@lacity.org
Web Site: <http://ethics.lacity.org>
of Employees: 32
of Members on Board: 5
Current Annual Budget: \$3,687,881
Special Grants and/or Alternative Funding: A general fund appropriation is required for the matching funds program. Adjusted for inflation, the annual appropriation is currently over \$3 million. As of December 1, 2019, the fund balance is \$19,869,046.

City of Oakland Public Ethics Commission

Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Ste. 104
Oakland, CA 94612
Phone: (510) 238-3593
Fax: (510) 238-3315

Agency Head/Contact: Whitney Barazoto, Executive Director
E-mail: wbarazoto@oaklandnet.com
Web Site: <http://www.oaklandnet.com/pec>
of Employees: 6
of Members on Board: 7
Current Annual Budget: \$900,000

City of San Diego Ethics Commission

450 B Street, Suite 780
San Diego, CA 92101
Phone: (619) 533-3476
Fax: (619) 533-3448

Agency Head/Contact: Sharon Spivak, Executive Director
E-mail: sbspivak@sandiego.gov
Web Site: <http://www.sandiego.gov/ethics>
of Employees: 6
of Members on Board: 7
Current Annual Budget: \$1,366,000

San Francisco Ethics Commission

25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 220
San Francisco, CA 94102
Phone: (415) 252-3100
Fax: (415) 252-3112

Agency Head/Contact: LeeAnn Pelham, Executive Director
E-mail: leeann.pelham@sfgov.org
Web Site: <https://sfethics.org>
of Employees: 24
of Members on Board: 5
Current Annual Budget: \$4,600,000
Special Grants and/or
Alternative Funding: San Francisco's public campaign financing program is funded by a Charter-required annual allocation from the City's General Fund to the Election Campaign Fund of \$2.75 per resident.

COLORADO

City of Denver Board of Ethics

201 West Colfax Avenue, Department 703
Denver, CO 80202
Phone: (720) 865-8412
Fax: (720) 865-8419

Agency Head/Contact: Lori Weiser, Executive Director
E-mail: lori.weiser@denvergov.org
Web Site: <http://www.denvergov.org/ethics>
of Employees: 1
of Members on Board: 5
Current Annual Budget: \$185,827.00

DELAWARE

New Castle County Ethics Commission

P.O. Box 12003
Wilmington, DE 19850
Phone: (302) 395-5127
Fax: (302) 395-5242

Agency Head/Contact: Julie M. Sebring, Esquire, Ethics Counsel and Chief Legal Officer
E-mail: jsebringec@comcast.net
Web Site: [http://website: www.nccde.org/ethics](http://website:www.nccde.org/ethics) filing site:
<http://www.nccethics.org>
of Employees: 1
of Members on Board: 7
Current Annual Budget: \$350,000

FLORIDA

Broward Office of the Inspector General

1 N. University Drive, Suite 111
Plantation, FL 33324
Phone: (954) 357-7873

Agency Head/Contact: Carol "Jodie" Breece, General Counsel
E-mail: cbreece@broward.org
Web Site: <https://www.broward.org/inspectorgeneral/ethics/pages/default.aspx>
of Employees: 20
Current Annual Budget: \$3,025,820

Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

701 NW 1ST CT, 8FL
Miami, FL 33136
Phone: (305) 579-2594
Fax: (305) 579-0273

Agency Head/Contact: Jose Arrojo, Executive Director
E-mail: jose.arrojo@miamidade.gov
Web Site: <http://ethics.miamidade.gov>
of Employees: 16
of Members on Board: 5
Current Annual Budget: \$2,500,000
Special Grants and/or
Alternative Funding: A portion of our budget includes funds received through County Lobbyist Registration and Lobbyist Training Programs, as well as other special training programs that include a service charge.

Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics

300 North Dixie Highway #450
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
Phone: (561) 355-1915
Fax: (561) 355-1904

Agency Head/Contact: Mark E. Bannon, Executive Director
E-mail: mebannon@palmbeachcountyethics.com
Web Site: <http://www.palmbeachcountyethics.com>
of Employees: 5
of Members on Board: 5
Current Annual Budget: \$575,000

City of Tallahassee Independent Ethics Board

300 South Adams Street, Box A-25
Tallahassee, FL 32301
Phone: (850) 891-6551
Fax: (850) 891-0912

Agency Head/Contact: Dwight A. Floyd, Ethics Officer
E-mail: dwight.floyd@talgov.com
Web Site: <https://www.talgov.com/main/ethics.aspx>
of Employees: 2
of Members on Board: 7
Current Annual Budget: \$402,258

GEORGIA

City of Atlanta Ethics Division of the Office of the Inspector General

68 Mitchell Street, SW, Suite 1100
Atlanta, GA 30303
Phone: (404) 330-6286

Agency Head/Contact: Jabu Sengova, Ethics Officer
E-mail: jsengova@atlantaga.gov
Web Site: <http://www.atlantaethics.org>
of Employees: 8
of Members on Board: 9
Current Annual Budget: \$1,177,338

HAWAII

Honolulu Ethics Commission

925 Dillingham Blvd., Ste. 190
Honolulu, HI 96817
Phone: (808) 768-9242
Fax: (808) 768-7768

Agency Head/Contact: Jan K. Yamane, Executive Director & Legal Counsel
E-mail: jan.yamane@honolulu.gov
Web Site: <http://www.honolulu.gov/ethics>
of Employees: 11
of Members on Board: 7
Current Annual Budget: \$905,002

ILLINOIS

City of Chicago Board of Ethics

740 N. Sedgwick, Suite 500
Chicago, IL 60654
Phone: (312) 744-9660
Fax: (312) 744-2793

Agency Head/Contact: Steven Berlin, Executive Director
E-mail: steve.berlin@cityofchicago.org
Web Site: <http://www.cityofchicago.org/ethics>
of Employees: 8
of Members on Board: 7
Current Annual Budget: \$873,629
Special Grants and/or
Alternative Funding: Two IT projects are funded through the City's IT Board.

Cook County Board of Ethics

69 W. Washington Street
Suite 3040
Chicago, IL 60602
Phone: (312) 603-4304
Fax: (312) 603-9988

Agency Head/Contact: N. Keith Chambers, Director
E-mail: cookcounty.ethics@cookcountyil.gov
Web Site: <http://www.cookcountyil.gov/ethics-board-of>
of Employees: 4
of Members on Board: 5
Current Annual Budget: \$450,000

MARYLAND

Anne Arundel County Ethics Commission

Heritage Complex, 2666, Riva Road, Ste 160
Annapolis, MD 21401
Phone: (410) 222-4412
Fax: (410) 222-4414

Agency Head/Contact: Michael Botsaris, Executive Director
E-mail: mbotsaris@aacounty.org
Web Site: <http://www.aacounty.org/ethics>
of Employees: 2
of Members on Board: 7
Current Annual Budget: \$187,600

MICHIGAN

City of Detroit Board of Ethics

7737 Kercheval, Suite 213

Detroit, MI 48214

Phone: (313) 224-9521

Fax: (313) 923-8637

Agency Head/Contact: Alicia J Skillman, Executive Director
E-mail: alicia.skillman@detroitethics.org
Web Site: <http://www.detroitmi.gov/boardofethics>
of Employees: 3
of Members on Board: 7
Current Annual Budget: \$448,228

MINNESOTA

City of Minneapolis Ethical Practices Board

350 South 5th Street, Room 210

Minneapolis, MN 55415

Phone: (612) 673-3230

Fax: (612) 673-3362

Agency Head/Contact: Susan Trammell, Ethics Officer
E-mail: susan.trammell@minneapolismn.gov
Web Site: <http://www2.minneapolismn.gov/epb/index.htm>
of Employees: 1
of Members on Board: 3
Special Grants and/or
Alternative Funding: The part-time Ethics Officer position and the expenses of the Ethical Practices Board are funded through the Office of the City Attorney.

NEW YORK

City of Buffalo Board of Ethics

1308 City Hall

Buffalo, NY 14202

Phone: (716) 851-5432

Fax: (716) 851-4845

Agency Head/Contact: Gerald Chwalinski, City Clerk
E-mail: gchwalinski@city-buffalo.com
Web Site: <http://www.city-buffalo.com>
of Members on Board: 7

New York City Conflicts of Interest Board

2 Lafayette Street, Suite 1010
New York, NY 10007
Phone: (212) 442-1400
Fax: (212) 437-0705

Agency Head/Contact: Carolyn Lisa Miller, Executive Director
E-mail: miller@coib.nyc.gov
Web Site: <http://nyc.gov/ethics>
of Employees: 25
of Members on Board: 5
Current Annual Budget: \$2,601,275

OHIO

Cuyahoga County Agency of Inspector General

2079 E. 9th Street, 6th Floor, Room 201
Cleveland, OH 44115
Phone: (216) 698-2101
Fax: (216) 698-2218

Agency Head/Contact: Mark D. Griffin, Inspector General
E-mail: mdgriffin@cuyahogacounty.us
Web Site: <http://www.inspectorgeneral.cuyahogacounty.us>
of Employees: 10
Current Annual Budget: \$954,632

Ohio Ethics Commission

William Green Building
30 West Spring Street, L3
Columbus, OH 43215-2256
Phone: (614) 466-7090
Fax: (614) 466-8368

Agency Head/Contact: Paul M. Nick, Executive Director
E-mail: paul.nick@ethics.ohio.gov
Web Site: <https://ethics.ohio.gov>
of Employees: 19
of Members on Board: 6
Current Annual Budget: \$2,357,515
Special Grants and/or
Alternative Funding: The Commission receives a portion of its funding from fees paid by all individuals who are required to file financial disclosure statements, and late fees for filing disclosure statements after the deadline.

Ohio Legislative Inspector General's Office

100 E. Broad Street, Suite 1910
Columbus, OH 43215
Phone: (614) 728-5100

Agency Head/Contact: Tony Bledsoe, Executive Director
E-mail: tony.bledsoe@jlec.state.oh.us
Web Site: <http://www.jlec-olig.state.oh.us>
of Employees: 6
of Members on Board: 12
Current Annual Budget: \$700,000
Special Grants and/or
Alternative Funding: Lobbyist registration fees are deposited to a rotary account to be used for technology and lobbyist compliance expenses. Financial disclosure statement filing fees are deposited into the joint legislative ethics committee investigative fund.

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia Board of Ethics

One Parkway Bldg., 1515 Arch St., 18th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102-1504
Phone: (215) 686-9450
Fax: (215) 686-9453

Agency Head/Contact: J. Shane Creamer, Jr., Executive Director
E-mail: shane.creamer@phila.gov
Web Site: <http://www.phila.gov/ethicsboard>
of Employees: 8
of Members on Board: 5
Current Annual Budget: \$1,101,630

City of Pittsburgh Ethics Hearing Board

City-County Building Room 328
414 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
Phone: (412) 255-2122
Fax: (412) 255-2680

Agency Head/Contact: Leanne Davis, Executive Manager
E-mail: leanne.davis@pittsburghpa.gov
Web Site: <http://www.pittsburghpa.gov/ehb>
of Employees: 2-4
of Members on Board: 9

City of Reading Board of Ethics

815 Washington St
Room 2-24
Reading, PA 19601
Phone: (610) 655-6204
Fax: (610) 655-6697

Agency Head/Contact: Jeff Darlington, Chair
Secondary Contact: Michelle Smith
Secondary Contact E-mail: michelle.smith@readingpa.gov
Web Site: <http://www.readingpa.gov>
of Employees: 0
of Members on Board: 4
Current Annual Budget: \$12,500

WASHINGTON

King County Board of Ethics

King County Office Building, 401 Fifth Avenue, Suite 215
Seattle, WA 98104
Phone: (206) 263-7821
Fax: (206) 296-4329

Agency Head/Contact: Kelli Williams, Director
E-mail: program.ethics@kingcounty.gov
Web Site: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/employees/ethics.aspx>
of Employees: 1.0
of Members on Board: 5

City of Seattle Ethics & Elections Commission

P.O. Box 94729, 700 Fifth Avenue, Suite 4010
Seattle, WA 98124-4729
Phone: (206) 684-8500
Fax: (206) 684-8590

Agency Head/Contact: Wayne Barnett, Executive Director
E-mail: wayne.barnett@seattle.gov
Web Site: <http://www.seattle.gov/ethics>
of Employees: 8
of Members on Board: 7
Current Annual Budget: \$1,467,172
Special Grants and/or
Alternative Funding: \$3M collected to fund voucher program.

WISCONSIN

Milwaukee County Ethics Board

901 N 9th St, Room 212-E

Milwaukee, WI 53233

Phone: (414) 278-5332

Fax: (414) 223-1897

Agency Head/Contact:	Adam J. Gilmore, Executive Director
E-mail:	adam.gilmore@milwaukeecountywi.gov
Secondary Contact E-mail:	ethics@milwaukeecountywi.gov
Web Site:	http://county.milwaukee.gov/ethicsboard.htm
# of Employees:	3
# of Members on Board:	6
Current Annual Budget:	\$95,768