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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

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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:	<a href="mailto:adam.gilmore@milwaukeecountywi.gov">adam.gilmore@milwaukeecountywi.gov</a>
Secondary Contact E-mail:	<a href="mailto:ethics@milwaukeecountywi.gov">ethics@milwaukeecountywi.gov</a>
Web Site:	<a href="http://county.milwaukee.gov/ethicsboard.htm">http://county.milwaukee.gov/ethicsboard.htm</a>
# of Employees:	3
# of Members on Board:	6
Current Annual Budget:	\$95,768