



Advisory #2014-1

City of Stamford
Board of Ethics
888 Washington Blvd.
Stamford, CT 06901

January 30, 2014

Honorable James Caterbone
Board of Representatives
Stamford Government Center
888 Washington Blvd.
Stamford, CT 06904-2152

Dear Representative Caterbone,

Thank you for appearing before the Board of Ethics to request an Advisory Opinion regarding potential conflict of interest arising from your role as chairman of the Board of Representatives Parks & Recreation Committee and your service as a board member and as the past president of the Springdale Little League.

The Board has reviewed this matter and finds no conflict with the City's Code of Ethics, Section 19-(4), "Conflicts of interests; interference with duties." We believe, however, that in specific instances pertaining to matters before the Board of Representatives or your committee, such as city funding for ball fields, a perception of divided loyalties may arise. In such specific cases, we believe it would be prudent for you to recuse yourself from voting.

The Board of Ethics feels that your service as an elected representative and your volunteer work with the Springdale Little League are examples of civic engagement that should be encouraged in Stamford.

Sincerely,

Cheryl G. Bader, Chair
Clarence R. Grebey III, Secretary
Allan D. Lang, Member
John Martelli, Member
Daniel E. Sanchez, Member
Sarah F. Summons, Alternate Member

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