

City of Stamford
Board of Ethics
888 Washington Boulevard
Stamford, CT 06901

June 6, 2000

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RE: Request for Advisory Opinion

Dear XXXXXXXX:

You have requested the Board of Ethics (the "Board") issue an advisory opinion addressing whether a conflict of interest arises as a result of your being a member of the Board of Education while employed as a Zoning Consultant.

The Board met with you on April 5, 2000 to consider your request. In issuing this opinion, the Board relies upon the information contained in your written request for an advisory opinion dated March 12, 2000, and our April 5 meeting.


You work as a consultant for a Company that is seeking to locate a wireless communications tower on City owned property. In your capacity as consultant, you will be involved in negotiations with the City and may represent the Company before a land use board. In light of your position on the Board of Education, you have asked whether a conflict of interest would arise in your 1) representing the Company before a City land use board, 2) providing advice and administrative management to the Corporation in filing an application with a City land use board, and 3) participating in negotiations with the City to lease City owned property not being used by the Board of Education.

As we expressed to you verbally at the April 5th meeting, it is the unanimous opinion of the Board that no conflict of interest exists in these situations.

This opinion is binding upon the Board unless amended or revoked, and reliance upon this opinion in good faith is an absolute defense to any action or proceeding brought under the provisions of the Code of Ethics.

Thank you for taking the time to request an advisory opinion, and for your service to the City of Stamford.

Very truly yours,


Amy J. LiVolsi
Chairman, Board of Ethics

cc: Sally Truglia Serafino (redacted copy)
Members of the Board of Ethics (Kaplan, Grove, Summons, Anderson, Levine)