

Advisory #1996-2

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*Lois Pont-Briant*  
TOWN CLERK

September 12, 1996

Mr. Russel Davis  
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Dear Mr. Davis:

With respect to your request for an advisory opinion, the Board of Ethics, on August 28, 1996, unanimously found that your position on the Board of Representatives does not preclude you from participating in the Stamford Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Program.

You are, however, advised to abstain from voting on any issues which directly affect your participation in said program. Directing your attention to §19-5 an officer or employee shall not deliberate or participate in a decision or action by the agency of which the individual is a member or is employed if said individual or any member of his or her immediate family has any interest in the matter or would be likely to gain or lose any benefit that is not common to the general interest of other citizens of the City.

The Board has noted that the Stamford Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Program is available to all citizens of the City. In light of the fact pattern described and so long as you do not enjoy any benefit which is not generally available to other citizens of the City, the Board is of the opinion that your participation in the program would not result in a violation of Ordinance 706 Supplemental.

In accordance with § 19-14(C)(1) of Ordinance 706 Supplemental, this opinion is binding upon the Board and yourself unless amended or revoked and reliance on this opinion in good faith is an absolute defense in any action or proceeding brought under the provisions of the Code of ethics.

The Board thanks you for taking the time and effort to request an advisory opinion in advance of undertaking the transaction.

Very truly yours,

Louis M. Pasquino  
Chairman

cc: Lois Pont-Briant, Town Clerk