



**MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION**

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Julie A. Allen  
Executive Director

September 13, 2010

Sara Ring  
1801 Main Street West  
Greenwood, MO 64034

Re: Case No. 09E251

Dear Ms. Ring:

The Missouri Ethics Commission, considered at the September 10, 2010 meeting, the complaint filed against you alleging violation of a Conflict of Interest when you made a motion on June 30, 2008, in your capacity as Alderman of the City of Greenwood to donate the remainder of the City's Economic Growth budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to the Greenwood Economic Development Corporation (GEDC). Based upon the investigation conducted, the Commission voted to dismiss the case.

There was no evidence of a violation of Chapter 105 conflict of interest statutes. The Commission however advises you to that when acting in an official capacity as such as Alderman, you may avoid an appearance of impropriety by refraining from voting on an issue involving a Board when you are an officer of that Board.

§ 100.035, RSMo of the Greenwood City Code requires "all public projects of whatever character which may be contracted by the City of Greenwood shall be let out to the lowest and/or best bidder". During the investigation, the Commission noted that there was no evidence that the City of Greenwood entered into a contract with the GEDC following an award to the lowest and best bidder.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie A. Allen".

Julie A. Allen, CPA, PMP  
Executive Director

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