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James Klahr
Executive Director

July 20, 2015

Carol Hamilton
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MEC No. 15-0024-I

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

The Missouri Ethics Commission considered the complaint filed against you at its July 20, 2015 meeting. The complaint alleges that you, while an alderperson for the City of Green Park, had a conflict of interest regarding complaints lodged about the condition of neighboring residential properties. Specifically, allegations that you had a conflict of interest because you were the realtor in a past transaction involving a property owner who also owned a different property complained about. The Complaint also alleged that you used confidential information that was submitted in complaints and shared that information with that property owner.

Staff review of the complaint filed with the Commission established that, while you were involved in two previous real estate transactions involving the property owner, one transaction occurred in 2003 and the other in 2004. Both transactions occurred well before you were appointed to the board in 2008. Staff also reviewed the City of Green Park's process for handling alleged violations of its property maintenance code. From the materials reviewed, there is no evidence that you failed to follow that process in your role as alderperson. After review of Section 105.452.1, RSMo, staff found no evidence that you either: 1) acted on complaints to provide a special monetary benefit to yourself, your spouse or dependent child (Sec. 105.452.1(4)); or 2) disclosed any confidential information with an intent of financial gain for yourself, spouse or dependent child or any associated business (Sec. 105.452.1(1)).

The Commission voted to find no reasonable grounds to support a violation of Chapter 105, RSMo, and dismiss.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Klahr".

James Klahr
Executive Director