



MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION

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James Klahr
Executive Director

January 7, 2016

Patrick Miller, Mayor
City of Bethany
206 North 16th
Bethany MO 64424

Re: File No. 15-0059-I

Dear Mr. Miller:

The Missouri Ethics Commission considered the complaint filed against you at its January 6, 2016 meeting. The Commission reviewed your participation on the Tax Increment Financing Commission (TIF Commission) in light of the allegation that you and your family own a substantial interest in property in the TIF District but you did not disclose that interest in writing with the TIF Commission or the city clerk.

Staff review of the complaint does not support that the property owned by your family has been designated to be acquired or improved within the proposed TIF. While you have regularly attended TIF Commission meetings, you are not a member of the TIF Commission and do not vote. Board of Aldermen meeting minutes reflect that you never voted on any issue involving the TIF. Therefore, you were not required to file any disclosure, as provided in Section 99.820.1(13), RSMo.

The property designated for improvement is owned by the Callaway family. Investigation found that you have no financial interest in Callaway's property, Callaway's businesses or the vendors from whom the TIF makes its purchases. TIF Commission and Board of Aldermen meeting minutes reflect that you have not voted on any issue involving the TIF. No evidence supported the allegation that you utilized your position as mayor for a financial gain.

From the facts presented, the Commission finds no reasonable grounds exist to support a violation of Chapter 99, RSMo, or the conflict of interest provisions of Chapter 105, RSMo, and is dismissing the complaint.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Klahr".

James Klahr
Executive Director