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At the June 23, 1998 meeting of the Missouri Ethics Commission your request for an opinion was discussed. The following is the Commission's response to your question:

Are commissioners, officials or employees of the political subdistricts of the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District subject to the reporting requirements of section 105.483, RSMo?

The Commission has reviewed sections 184.350 to 184.384, RSMo 1994, which governs the Metropolitan Park and Museum District and its political subdistricts. The Commission opines that the political subdistricts are political subdivisions as that term is defined in section 105.450(8), RSMo Supp. 1997. Therefore, pursuant to section 105.483(11), the persons in the subdistrict who must file a financial interest statement are:

> Each elected official, candidate for elective office, the chief administrative officer, the chief purchasing officer and the general counsel, if employed full time, of each political subdivision with an annual operating budget in excess of one million dollars, and each official or employee of a political subdivision who is authorized by the governing body of the political subdivision to promulgate rules and regulations with the force of law; unless the political subdivision adopts an ordinance, order or resolution pursuant to subsection 4 of section 105.485."

Those individuals described above who work for or have those positions with the political subdivisions of the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District must file Personal Financial Disclosure Statements annually.

Sincerely,

Charles G. Lamb

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Executive Director

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