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August 27, 2019

Thomas Akras
Board of Liquor License Commissioners
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1 North Charles Street, 15th Floor
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Re: Financial Disclosure and Training Compliance

Dear Mr. Akras:

This responds to your request for a letter from the State Ethics Commission ("Commission") describing the history of compliance by members and employees of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City ("BLLC") with the financial disclosure and training requirements of the Maryland Public Ethics Law since the BLLC became subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

By way of brief history, the local boards of license commissioners have traditionally been subject to the jurisdiction of their local government ethics commissions. Beginning October 1, 2017, as a result of the enactment of House Bill 1386, most boards, to include the BLLC, became subject to the Maryland Public Ethics Law ("the Law") and to the jurisdiction of the Commission. House Bill 1386 applied the financial disclosure filing requirement to both BLLC commissioners and employees. However, the training requirement in the Law initially applied only to BLLC employees. The following year, with the enactment of HB 1469, the training requirement was extended to BLLC commissioners, effective October 1, 2018.

During the time the BLLC has been subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, BLLC commissioners and employees have been diligent in satisfying the requirements of the Law and all are currently in compliance with the Law's financial disclosure filing and training requirements.

I trust this letter is responsive to your request. We appreciate the efforts of you and Mr. Paige to ensure that BLLC commissioners and employees meet their obligations under the Law.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Lord
Executive Director

cc: Douglas Paige

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April 9, 2020

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Re: Financial Disclosure Compliance

Dear Mr. Akras:

This responds to your request for a letter from the State Ethics Commission ("Commission") concerning compliance by members and employees of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City ("BLLC") with the requirements of the Maryland Public Ethics Law with respect to filing their calendar year 2019 financial disclosure statements.

Review of our records reflects that as of this date all BLLC commissioners and employees have satisfied the Law's financial disclosure filing requirement for calendar year 2019. The deadline for filing the calendar year 2019 annual statement is April 30, 2020.

I trust this letter is responsive to your request. We appreciate the efforts of you and Mr. Paige to ensure that BLLC commissioners and employees meet their obligations under the Law.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Lord
Executive Director

cc: Douglas Paige