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April 24, 2023

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Dear Mr. Garrick:

Reference is made to your emailed letter of April 21, 2023. We are treating your email as a Potential Conflict of Interest Statement. As I understand it, you are a member of the North Platte City Council. You are also employed by Great Plains Health Innovation Network. Great Plains Health Innovation Network is owned by North Platte Nebraska Hospital Corporation doing business as Great Plains Health. Your position is Clinical Business Intelligence Analyst.

Great Plains Health, the parent company of your employer is a minority investor in a housing development on the west edge of North Platte in partnership with Dial Properties of Omaha.

Dial Properties is requesting Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for the new housing development. The TIF redevelopment plan for the housing project will be coming before the North Platte City Council for consideration. You wish to know if you would have a conflict of interest as to the matter of the approval of this plan or any amendment thereto.

In my opinion, you do not have a conflict of interest.

Section 49-1499.03(2) of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act (NPADA) provides that a person holding an elective office of a city has a potential conflict of interest if he or she is faced with taking an official action or making an official decision which may result in a financial benefit or detriment to: a) the public official; b) a member of his or her immediate family; or c) a business with which he or she is associated. This benefit or detriment must be distinguishable from that experienced by the general public or a broad segment of it.

Section 49-1407 of the NPADA defines the term business as "any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, sole proprietorship, firm, enterprise, franchise, association, organization, self-employed individual, holding company, joint-stock company, receivership, trust, activity, or entity."

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It should be noted that the definition of business does not distinguish between for profit entities and non-profit entities. Both can fit the definition of business. By this definition, Great Plains Health Innovation Network is a business. So too is North Platte Nebraska Hospital Corporation.

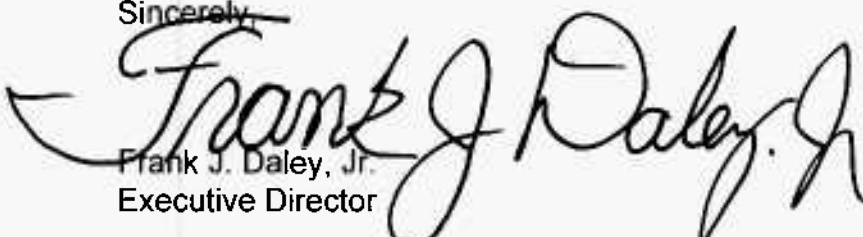
Section 49-1408 of the NPADA defines the term "business association" in part as a business in which the individual is "...a partner, limited liability company member, director, or officer." It is my understanding that you are an employee of Great Plains Health Innovation Network. You are not an officer or director of either Great Plains Health Innovation Network or North Platte Nebraska Hospital Corporation. You do not have a business association with either. Employment, by itself, does not create a business association.

Because the action of the North Platte City Council on the TIF application of Dial Properties will not have a financial effect on you, a member of your immediate family or a business with which you are associated, you do not have a conflict of interest in the matter. You may participate and vote as you see fit.

Summary: You do not have a conflict of interest on the matter of the application of Dial Properties for tax increment financing. You may participate and vote on the matter as you see fit.

Please understand that this is a staff opinion only and not a formal Commission Advisory Opinion. It is based upon the facts that you have provided. If any of these stated facts are incorrect or incomplete, please advise me immediately as this could affect the stated conclusion.

Sincerely,


Frank J. Daley, Jr.
Executive Director