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Accountability and Disclosure Commission

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January 27, 2025

James Lange
1900 North 17th Circle
Norfolk, NE 68701

Re: C-2A Potential Conflict of Interest Statement

Dear Mr. Lange,

This will acknowledge receipt of a C-2A, Potential Conflict of Interest Statement ("Statement"), which you filed with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission ("NADC") on Wednesday, January 22, 2025.

You are a Council Member in the City of Norfolk. Your Statement says that your son is employed by Olsson, Inc., which is a Nebraska engineering firm. You note that your son, who is 43 years old, lives outside your household.

Your Statement further notes that the City of Norfolk does business with Olsson, and that, as a Council Member, you have been and will be required to vote upon one or more contracts between Olsson and the City.

Under the terms of §49-1499.03(2) of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act ("NPADA"), you must file a Statement where you would be required, "to take any action or make any decision," in the discharge of your official duties that, "may cause financial benefit or detriment to [you], a member of your immediate family, or a business with which [you are] associated."

The term "immediate family" is defined in the NPADA in §49-1425 as follows: "Immediate family shall mean a child residing in an individual's household, a spouse of an individual, or an individual claimed by that individual or that individual's spouse as a dependent for federal income tax purposes."

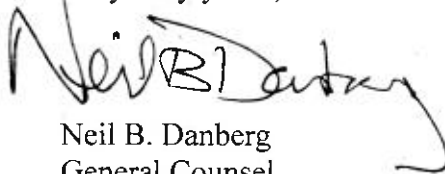
Under the foregoing definition, your son, who lives outside your household, and who is not your dependent, is not a member of your "immediate family." Your Statement does not suggest that your spouse has any financial interest in Olsson, nor that you have any business association with Olsson.

We conclude that you do not have a conflict of interest which would prevent you from voting upon matters relating to possible contracts between the City of Norfolk and Olsson.

Our opinion in this matter is premised upon the material facts which we have outlined above. If any of these facts are inaccurate or incomplete, please contact us immediately.

Thank you for your timely filing of the subject Statement.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil B. Danberg". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "N" and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Neil B. Danberg
General Counsel

NEBRASKA ACCOUNTABILITY AND DISCLOSURE COMMISSION P.O. Box 95086 Lincoln, NE 68509 (402) 471-2522 https://nadc.nebraska.gov	POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT NADC FORM C-2A	POSTMARK DATE	1/23/25
BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM READ THE FILING REQUIREMENTS ON PAGE 3		OFFICE USE ONLY RECEIVED JAN 27 2025 NEBRASKA ACCOUNTABILITY and DISCLOSURE COMMISSION	

- Any public official of any political subdivision must file this form if he or she has a potential conflict of interest. Additionally, any employee of a political subdivision whose annual salary and benefits exceed \$150,000 must file this form if he or she has a potential conflict of interest.
Exception: Public officials required to file a Statement of Financial Interests (Form C-1) should file Form C-2.
- This form should be filed with the person who normally keeps records for the political subdivision. The form may be filed with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission to request an opinion from the NADC.
- Persons who fail to disclose a potential conflict of interest or who otherwise do not comply with the law are subject to penalties.

ITEM 1	NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER
Name <u>Lange</u> <u>James</u> <u>C</u> Telephone No. <u>402-649-1513</u> Last First Middle	Address <u>1900 N. 17th Circle</u> <u>Norfolk</u> <u>NE</u> <u>68701</u> STREET ADDRESS OR RURAL ROUTE City STATE ZIP CODE

ITEM 2	TITLE, AGENCY, ADDRESS AND PHONE
Your Title <u>City council persone Ward 2</u> Agency <u>City of Norfolk, NE</u>	Agency Address <u>309 N 5th Street, Norfolk, NE 68701</u>
Agency Phone <u>402-844-2000</u>	

ITEM 3	DESCRIBE POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN DETAIL (Use Item 6 Continuation, if necessary)
Date action is to be taken or decision is to be made: <u>01/29/2025</u>	Description of Potential Conflict: I am a council person. My son is employed by OLSSON, he is 43 married and head of his household. I have no financial interest in OLSSON. I do have my own business and have filed disclosure documents with the city. Do I need to abstain from voting on issues with OLSSON (contracts, applicatioin for payment, etc.)?

ITEM 4 PERSONS WHO MAY RECEIVE FINANCIAL BENEFIT OR DETRIMENT☐ You☒ Member of your Immediate Family: Seth Lange (adult son)

NAME

Business With Which You

☒ Are Associated (See Definitions) J. H. Hespe Co. Inc.

NAME OF BUSINESS

ITEM 5 NATURE OF FINANCIAL BENEFIT OR DETRIMENT

OLSSON and son via his employment with OLSSON.

NO FINANCIAL BENEFIT FOR ME.

ITEM 6 CONTINUATION

(SIGNATURE)

(DATE)