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RE: 92013.Q, *Outside Employment*

Dear [REDACTED]:

On February 26, 1992, you telephoned this office to inquire whether you can accept an offer to serve on the [REDACTED] ward's [REDACTED] committee. The staff is of the opinion that the City's Governmental Ethics Ordinance does not prohibit you from serving on the [REDACTED] committee. However, there are provisions of the Ordinance that restrict your activities or service to the committee. We set forth our analysis below, which is based upon the information you provided to us over the telephone.

You explained that you are currently working for the City of Chicago's Department of [REDACTED] as a [REDACTED]

You were recently asked by the [REDACTED] ward alderman to serve on his ward's [REDACTED] committee, which generally serves to assist the alderman in the development of the ward. The members, who are from different areas of the [REDACTED] ward, are not compensated. The committee reviews [REDACTED] issues and [REDACTED] plans for proposed projects in the [REDACTED] ward, and recommends to the [REDACTED] ward alderman whether an issue [REDACTED] or a project is in the best interest of the ward. Members of the committee vote on the issues and make recommendations to the alderman. The alderman considers the recommendations and votes when making a decision with regard to the issue.



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Although the Ordinance does not prohibit you from serving on the [REDACTED] committee, there are several provisions of the Ordinance that restrict your activities. Section 2-156-020, entitled "Fiduciary Duty," states:

Officials and employees shall at all times in the performance of their public duties owe a fiduciary duty to the City.

This section establishes an obligation for City employees to use their City positions responsibly and in the best interest of the public. As an employee of the Department of [REDACTED], you are required to exercise professional judgments in your employment position free from outside influences or conflicting duties to another entity, including the [REDACTED] ward alderman or his [REDACTED] committee.

Section 2-156-090, entitled "Representation of Other Persons," precludes you from representing any person, other than the City, before any City agency. The term "represent" includes any activity in which a person acts as a spokesperson for some party or seeks to communicate and promote the interests of one party to another.

Section 2-156-070, entitled "Confidential Information," prohibits you from using or revealing confidential information gained in the course of or by reason of your City employment, that is with the Department of [REDACTED].

Finally, section 2-156-060, entitled "City-owned Property," prohibits you from the unauthorized use of City property.

If you are faced with an issue arising under these sections, please feel free to contact us and we will inform you of the application of these or other sections to the situation at hand.

This staff opinion is based on the application of the City's Governmental Ethics Ordinance to the facts provided. If these facts are incorrect or incomplete, please notify us as any change may alter our opinion. We appreciate your willingness to comply with the ethical standards embodied in the Governmental Ethics Ordinance, and enclose a copy of the

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Ordinance for your convenience. If you have any additional questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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Legal Counsel

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