

PROVIDENCE ETHICS COMMISSION
POLICY ON COMMISSIONER SAFE HARBOR

December 7, 2018

Commissioners, or prospective appointees to the Commission, may seek guidance from the Municipal Integrity Officer, pursuant to the Code of Ordinances, Sec. 17-33(j)(4)(e), as to whether a particular situation conforms to the requirements of the City Code of Ethics. In the absence of the MIO, such advice may be rendered by the Commission's legal counsel, or such other member of the Law Department as may be designated by the City Solicitor.

When such inquiries are made, although they do not rise to the formality of a Request for Advisory Opinion outlined in Sec. 17-33(i)(2)(a), commissioners or prospective appointees are nevertheless entitled to rely upon the legal advice which has been proffered.

The opinion of the MIO, Commission legal counsel, or Solicitor's designee, may be a defense to any subsequent complaint brought under the City Code of Ethics.