



City of Seattle
Mayor Jenny A. Durkan

February 1, 2018

Wayne Barnett
Executive Director
Ethics and Elections Commission, City of Seattle
Seattle, WA 98124-4729

Re: Disclosure of Relationship and Potential Conflict of Interests for David Moseley, Deputy Mayor of Operations

Dear Mr. Barnett:

Based on my understanding of the Seattle Ethics code and past advisory opinions issued by the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission (“SEEC”), I write to inform you that David Moseley who was appointed Deputy Mayor on November 28, 2017 will not participate in any matters in which his wife Anne Fennessy, who is a Partner at the public affairs firm Cocker Fennessy, has a financial interest.

The applicable ordinance SMC 4.16.070.A.1(b) and (c), states in relevant part:

A City employee is disqualified from “participat[ing] in a matter in which any of the following has a financial interest, except as permitted by Section 4.16.071.

- (b) an immediate family member of the covered individual
- (c) an individual residing with the covered individual”

Given Mr. Moseley’s spousal relationship to Anne Fennessy and to avoid any appearance of conflict of interests, Mr. Moseley will not intervene in or attempt to influence any current or reasonably foreseeable action that to a reasonable person appears to primarily benefit his wife or her firm. This includes any decisions that involve the selection of consultants or bids where Cocker Fennessy may be a potential candidate for City of Seattle (“City”) work. Specifically, Cocker Fennessy currently or anticipates performing communications and strategy work for the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), Seattle Public Utilities (SPU), Seattle Office of the Waterfront, and Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission. Any existing contracts were executed before Mr. Moseley’s appointment.

Mr. Moseley will be recused and screened from participating in any decisions that pertain to specific matters in which Anne Fennessy or her firm have a financial interest until those matters are concluded; thereby terminating the financial interest. Furthermore, to protect the City’s interest the Mayor has delegated to Deputy Mayor Shefali Ranganathan final authority on the following specific matters in which Cocker Fennessey is currently or anticipates being under contract with the City of Seattle:



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1) Communications and Strategic Planning for SDOT Director's Office, 2) SPU Water Quality report; 3) Office of the Waterfront LID communications strategy; and 4) Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission research on Democracy Vouchers. An internal delegation memo has been drafted delegating Mr. Moseley's responsibility, if any, with respect to these matters to Ms. Ranganathan.

Thank you for your attention to this issue, and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ian Warner

Ian Warner
Mayor's Office Legal Counsel City of Seattle

cc: Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk
David Moseley, Deputy Mayor