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Via E-mail Only:
Regan Perrodin
State Ethics Commission Director
Office of the Inspector General
315 West Ohio Street, Room 104
Indianapolis, IN 46202
Email: reperrodin@ig.in.gov

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INDIANA STATE
ETHICS COMMISSION

Re: Conflicts of Interest – Decisions and Voting filing rescission for Logan Cook

Dear Ms. Perrodin:

Please allow this letter to notify you of the intention of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security to discontinue the screening procedure described in the Conflicts of Interest – Decisions and Voting form (the "Form", attached for reference) filed stamped by the Indiana State Ethics Commission March 5, 2024, regarding Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission (the "Commission") Member Logan Cook.

The Form was filed out of an abundance of caution related to the appearance of impropriety since Mr. Logan's father or companies his father works for could come before the Commission for decisions associated with variance requests.

Since the Form was filed, it has become apparent that Mr. Cook is a valuable member of the Commission and that missing out on his subject matter expertise, insight, critical thinking skills, and analysis is having a detrimental effect on the Commission.

Therefore, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security respectfully requests the Indiana State Ethics Commission to attach this letter to the Form or remove the Form from the public disclosure list.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristi Shute".

Kristi Shute
Deputy General Counsel and Ethics Officer
Office of General Counsel



ETHICS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – DECISIONS AND VOTING
State Form 55880 (R / 10-18)
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
IC 4-2-6-9

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In accordance with IC 4-2-6-9, you must file your disclosure with the State Ethics Commission no later than seven (7) days after the conduct that gives rise to the conflict. You must also include a copy of the notification provided to your agency appointing authority and ethics officer when filing this disclosure. This disclosure will be posted on the Inspector General's website.

Name (last) Cook	Name (first) Logan	Name (middle) Joseph	
Name of office or agency Indiana Department of Homeland Security		Job title Commission Member	
Address of office (number and street) 302 West Washington Street, Room E-208		City Indianapolis	ZIP code 46204
Office telephone number (317) 232-2222	Office e-mail address (required) buildingcommission@dhs.in.gov		
Describe the conflict of interest: I serve as a member of the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission ("Commission"). My father, whom I do not live with, is the Principal of Dave Cook Consultants, LLC. The Commission, in part, reviews variance requests to codes it has adopted. There will be instances when Dave Cook Consultants, LLC files a variance request with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security ("Department"). The Department may make a determination on a variance request. If the Department defers its authority to make a determination on a variance request, it is presented to the Commission to make the determination. It is arguable that Dave Cook Consultants, LLC clients will save costs if a variance is approved and its business success can be correlated with the successful presentation of variance requests. While my relationship with my father does not meet the definition of an immediate family member pursuant to 42 IAC 1-3-13 there is an appearance of impropriety if my father presents a variance request to the Commission or if I am aware of his involvement in a variance request presented by Dave Cook Consultants, LLC. Because of this I will recuse myself from matters pertaining to Dave Cook Consultants, LLC at future Commission meetings until I am no longer a Commission member or my father is no longer a Principal of Dave Cook Consultants, LLC.			

Describe the screen established by your ethics officer. (Attach additional pages as needed.)
Department staff that handle variance determinations have been notified to remove me from any communication pertaining to Dave Cook Consultants, LLC. If the Department defers its authority to make a determination on a variance related to Dave Cook Consultants, LLC to the Commission for a decision, I will leave the meeting room while the variance is being discussed and will not vote on whether the variance is approved or denied. If I attend the meeting virtually, I will mute my computer and turn off my camera while the variance is being discussed and will not vote on whether the variance is approved or denied. Department staff will then contact me via the Teams chat feature to let me know when a discussion and vote on the variance has ended so I may rejoin the meeting.

AFFIRMATION

Your signature below affirms that your disclosures on this form are true, complete, and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. In addition to this form, you have attached a copy of your written disclosure to your agency appointing authority and ethics officer.

Signature of state officer, employee or special state appointee

Date signed (month, day, year)
03/05/2024

Printed full name of state officer, employee or special state appointee
Logan Joseph Cook

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Your signature below affirms that you have reviewed this disclosure form and that it is true, complete, and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. You also attest that your agency has implemented the screen described above.

Signature of ethics officer

Kristi Shute

Date signed (month, day, year)
3-5-24

Printed full name of ethics officer

Kristi Shute

Baker, Nathaniel P

From: Shute, Kristi
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 2:24 PM
To: Thacker, Joel
Cc: Cook, Logan; Dyer, Dustin
Subject: Conflict of Interest-Decisions and Voting Disclosure-Logan Cook
Attachments: Decisions and Voting disclosure March 2024-Cook, Logan.pdf

Good afternoon, Executive Director Thacker,

To be in compliance with IC 4-2-6-9, a special state appointee who identifies a potential conflict of interest must notify their appointing authority and either request an advisory opinion from the State Ethics Commission or file a disclosure statement. Please accept this email as official notification. A copy of the Disclosure Statement is included for your reference. The Disclosure Statement will be filed with the Inspector General's Office later today and I anticipate we will receive a file-stamped copy within a few business days.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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