



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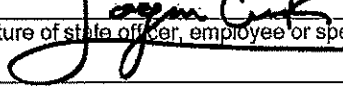
In accordance with IC 4-2-6-9, you must file your disclosure with the State Ethics Commission no later than seven (7) days after the conduct that gives rise to the conflict. You must also include a copy of the notification provided to your agency appointing authority and ethics officer when filing this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

Name (<i>last</i>) Cook		Name (<i>first</i>) Logan		Name (<i>middle</i>) Joseph	
Name of office or agency Indiana Department of Homeland Security			Job title Commission Member		
Address of office (<i>number and street</i>) 302 West Washington Street, Room E-208			City Indianapolis		ZIP code 46204
Office telephone number (317) 232-2222		Office e-mail address (<i>required</i>) 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 employed by Ralph Gerdes Consulting. The Commission, in part, reviews variance requests to codes it has adopted. There will be instances when Ralph Gerdes Consulting 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 Ralph Gerdes Consulting 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 Ralph Gerdes Consultants.					
Because of this I recused myself from matters pertaining to Ralph Gerdes Consulting at the Commission's February 7, 2023 meeting and will continue to do so until I am no longer a Commission member or my father is no longer an employee of Ralph Gerdes Consulting.					

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 Ralph Gerdes Consulting. If the Department defers its authority to make a determination on a variance related to Ralph Gerdes Consulting 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) 02/10/2023
Printed full name of state officer, employee or special state appointee Logan J. 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 	Date signed (month, day, year) 2-10-23
Printed full name of ethics officer Kristi Shute	

Baker, Nathaniel P

From: Shute, Kristi
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2023 10:42 AM
To: Thacker, Joel
Cc: Cook, Logan
Subject: Conflict of Interest-Decisions and Voting Disclosure-Logan Cook
Attachments: Decisions and Voting disclosure Feb 2023-Cook, Logan.pdf

Good morning, 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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