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**ETHICS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – DECISIONS AND VOTING**  
State Form 55860 (R / 10-15)  
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
IC 4-2-8-9

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) Leininger	Name (first) Chris	Name (middle)	
Name of office or agency Orange County Convention and Visitors Bureau		Job title Vice President	
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Describe the conflict of interest:  
I serve as Vice President and executive committee member of the Orange County Convention and Visitors Bureau ("Orange County CVB"). In reviewing the Council materials in advance of the May 19, 2016, Council meeting, I identified a potential conflict of interest on one of the applications for a Destination Development award. Orange County CVB applied for funding for the "Wilstem Elephant Retreat" project proposal.

Describe the screen established by your ethics officer: (Attach additional pages as needed.)

At the May 19, 2016, Council meeting, prior to the discussion of the Wistern Ranch matter, I raised with the Council Chair and the Lt. Governor's staff attorney (acting as counsel to the Council at this particular meeting) my potential conflict of interest as to this particular project. Upon hearing of my potential conflict, the staff attorney and Council Chair implemented the screening procedure established by the Ethics Officer: namely, that I not take part in any discussion or vote on this matter, and that I leave the meeting room.

Once the discussion ended and the vote took place I was instructed to return to the room.

The minutes shall accurately reflect that I was screened from participation in any discussion and from voting on this matter.

#### 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)

Printed full name of state officer, employee or special state appointee  
Chris Leininger

5/24/16

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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)

Printed full name of ethics officer  
Mark J. Wuellner

5/14/16

## Cooper, Jennifer

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**From:** Wuellner, Mark (LG)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 26, 2016 1:45 PM  
**To:** Flynn, Joann  
**Cc:** Cooper, Jennifer; 'cleininger@frenchlick.com'; Basile, Joseph (Joe); Lopez, Daniel (Danny); Wuellner, Mark (LG)  
**Subject:** For IG Records - Executed COI Statement (Leininger-Tourism Council)  
**Attachments:** Leininger Conflict of Interest Statement (05-16 meeting) -Tourism Council.pdf

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Hello Joann,

Attached please find an executed Conflicts of Interest statement from the May 19<sup>th</sup> Tourism Council meeting. I know the form requests a copy of the notification provided to the agency appointing authority and the ethics officer; in this case, Mr. Leininger verbally communicated the conflict at the meeting to the appointing authority and the proxy for the ethics officer. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,  
Mark



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