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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 4-2-6-9

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) Merritt	Name (first) Fred	Name (middle) J.
Name of office or agency LFM Investments, Inc	Job title President	
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Describe the conflict of interest: On June 19, 2019, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") Board of Directors and its Business Development Committee considered a professional services contract with the Indy Sports & Entertainment LLC d/b/a Indy Eleven Soccer ("Indy Eleven") for certain sponsorship deliverables, including special event joint programming and hospitality services at Indy Eleven soccer games, which the IEDC uses to engage business prospects and promote economic development for the state of Indiana. Mr. Merritt is a member of the IEDC Board of Directors and also serves as a member of the Business Development Committee. Prior to the meetings, Mr. Merritt notified the IEDC's General Counsel and Ethics Officer that he is a co-owner of the Indy Eleven. Mr. Merritt, by virtue of his ownership position with the Indy Eleven, has a potential financial interest (as defined in Indiana Code § 4-2-6-1(a)(11)) in the Indy Eleven's professional services contract with the IEDC. In the interest of transparency and out of an abundance of caution, the IEDC General Counsel & Ethics Officer identified this as a potential financial interest requiring an ethical screen and disclosure.		



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

As detailed in the Ethics Commission's Advisory Opinion 17-I-2, the IEDC has well-established ethical screening procedures. Mr. Merritt's ownership position with the Indy Eleven was logged into the IEDC's Customer Relationship Management (CRM) database, which is used to identify potential conflicts of interest. Mr. Merritt was screened from any involvement in the Indy Eleven matter. Mr. Merritt has not and will not discuss the Indy Eleven matter with IEDC staff or members of the IEDC Board of Directors, other than to disclose to the IEDC's Ethics Officer his ownership position with the Indy Eleven.

When the Business Development Committee of the IEDC Board conducted its public meeting on June 19, 2019, the IEDC Ethics Officer asked Mr. Merritt to recuse himself from any discussion, decision, or vote related to the Indy Eleven matter, and Mr. Merritt was completely screened from the matter. Subsequently, during the June 19, 2019 public meeting of the full IEDC Board, Mr. Merritt again recused himself and was completely screened from any discussion, decision or vote related to the Indy Eleven 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)

6-24-19

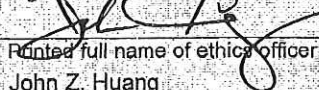
Printed full name of state officer, employee or special state appointee

Fred J. Merritt

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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)

6-25-19

Printed full name of ethics officer

John Z. Huang



**Baker, Nathaniel P**

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**From:** Huang, John Z  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 26, 2019 10:21 AM  
**To:** Schellinger, Jim  
**Cc:** Bedel, Elaine; Cotterill, Chris W; Kimmick, Matthew; Gaddis, Kyle (IEDC)  
**Subject:** Notification of Potential Conflict for IEDC Board Member  
**Attachments:** Fred Merritt 4-2-6-9 Disclosure (Indy Eleven) (FINAL).pdf

Hi Jim,

Pursuant to 42 IAC 1-5-6 and Indiana Code section 4-2-6-9, attached is the ethics disclosure statement for Fred Merritt regarding the Indy Eleven matter. I have filed today with the Inspector General's Office. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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