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To: All County Boards of Elections

Re: Ohio Ethics Commission

The Ohio Ethics Commission administers Ohio ethics laws (Ohio Revised Code Chapter 102 and Sections 2921.42, 2921.421, and 2921.43), authors advisory opinions interpreting Ohio ethics laws, and provides information to public officials and public employees regarding Ohio ethics laws. Ohio public officials and employees must comply with Ohio ethics laws, and violations of Ohio ethics laws may lead to criminal sanctions. Therefore, all members and employees of Ohio's boards of elections should become familiar with Ohio ethics laws.

Examples of matters covered by Ohio ethics laws include conflicts of interest, hiring family members, entering into contracts with public agencies, receiving or soliciting gifts, disclosing or using confidential information, and representing parties before public agencies during and after leaving public service.

The Ohio Ethics Commission provides highly useful information for public officials and public employees on the commission's web site: www.ethics.ohio.gov. Additionally, employees of the Ohio Ethics Commission are available to answer questions from public officials and public employees regarding Ohio ethics laws at 614-466-7090.

The office of the Secretary of State is developing an ethics policy that will provide additional ethics requirements for Secretary of State employees and Boards of Elections members and employees. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this Advisory, please contact the Elections Division legal staff assigned to your board at 614-466-2585 or by e-mail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jennifer Brunner".

Jennifer Brunner