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Subject: RE: Submission of Signed Statement Pursuant to January 13, 2026 Conference
Date: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 12:53:35 PM
Attachments: [04.10.2014.Ethics Opinion.CCOC Disposition FINAL.pdf](#)
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Good Afternoon,

I will plan to see the parties on the conference call on Teams shortly. While I had hoped to rule on Ms. Dolbashian's request today, I will need to hold that ruling in abeyance while I consider the following:

1. Please see attached advisory opinion of the Montgomery County Ethics Commission on whether panel chairs can represent associations. I would like to seek out confirmation from the Ethics Commission what their position is now on this issue given this opinion is from 2014.
2. Based on the submission made by Ms. Dolbashian on January 14, 2026 (OZAH Case No. CCOC 26-01, Docket 6.c), I learned for the first time that the parties have a pending action in Circuit Court, Civil Case No. C-15-CV-25-006397, which as far as I can tell has some overlap with this matter that was referred to OZAH by the Commission on Common Ownership Communities (CCOC). I need clarification from the parties as to whether the Court has been informed of this matter before OZAH.
3. Ms. Dolbashian it appears that you are represented by an attorney in the Circuit Court matter. Can you please confirm whether or not you are also represented by an attorney before OZAH?

We can discuss these matters further during our conference at 1:00 PM.

Sincerely,



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Respondent's response in opposition is attached.

On Wed, Jan 14, 2026 at 4:35 PM Sokoni, Khandikile Mvunga
<Khandikile.Sokoni@montgomerycountymd.gov> wrote:

Good Afternoon Ms. Dolbashian,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your submission.

Sincerely,
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Dear Hearing Examiner Sokoni,

Pursuant to your direction during the January 13, 2026 scheduling conference, I am submitting my Signed Statement in Support of Preliminary Objection Based on Conflict of Interest, together with the referenced exhibits.

For ease of reference, I also wish to note that the official minutes and record of the Commission's November 5, 2025 jurisdictional meeting are maintained by the CCOC, and any confirmation of that record should be obtained directly from the Commission. If helpful, Commission staff, including Ife Fabayo, can assist with access to or verification of those materials plus any email correspondence between Mr. Fellner, myself and Ms. Fabayo.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

The exhibits are attached in the order referenced in the statement.

Respectfully,

Mary Dolbashian



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