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Subject: FW: Re: Ethics Opinion Inquiry
Date: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 3:23:14 PM
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Good Afternoon Parties,

The Ethics Commission has confirmed that the April 10, 2014, opinion still stands on this issue. I am forwarding below my email exchanged with the Commission's Chief Counsel.

Sincerely,



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Thank you for the clarification.

Khandikile

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This is still the Ethics Commission's opinion on the topic. The Chair of the CCOC in August asked the Commission to overturn it, but the Ethics Commission declined to do so.

Sincerely,

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Good Afternoon Erin,

OZAH received a case on referral from the Commission on Common Ownership Communities (CCOC) during the course of which I have had reason to review the attached ethics opinion by the Ethics Commission, dated April 10, 2014. Are you able to confirm if this opinion is still current and consistent with the present Code or has it been superseded by a more recent opinion on the issue of whether the County's ethics provisions preclude attorneys who are CCOC panel chairs from representing associations before the CCOC.

Kind regards,
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