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Dear [REDACTED]

Pursuant to your request, the Board of Ethics has reviewed Executive Order 87-2, which established the Advisory Council on the Chicago Housing Authority, to determine whether the Council's Board members will be required to file Statements of Financial Interests with the Board of Ethics.

Section 26.2-15 of the Ethics Ordinance states that appointed officials who serve on an agency that is "solely advisory in nature" are not required to file an annual Statement of Financial Interests. For an agency to be classified as "solely advisory in nature", it cannot have any authority to (1) make binding decisions, (2) enter into contracts or (3) make any expenditures other than those incurred for research purposes.

Based on a review of Executive Order 87-2, the Board of Ethics has concluded that the Board members of the Advisory Council on the Chicago Housing Authority do not have any authority to make binding decisions or to enter into contracts. We have noted however that Executive Order 87-2 states that "the City will provide a budget" for the Advisory Council. It is our understanding, however, that any funds made available to your council are used strictly for research purposes. Based on these facts, the Board has concluded that the Advisory Council on the Chicago Housing Authority meets all three of the requirements necessary for classification as an agency that is "solely advisory in nature." We therefore exempt all of the Commission's Board members from the requirement of filing a Statement of Financial Interests.



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Sincerely,
S. Brandzel ^{to}

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