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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your inquiry concerning the proposed conflict of interest policy applicable to members of the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District (the "ZMD"). We have reviewed the proposed policy thoroughly and discussed it with the ZMD's attorney.

In our opinion, the policy you have proposed is consistent with the laws of the State of Missouri, the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis County. There are a number of details in the policy that we understand are the product of deliberations and compromise among the commissioners. We do not interpret your request for input from us to be a request that we advise you concerning the exercise of your discretion in brokering those compromises or of adopting any particular provision of this policy. We trust that, where appropriate, the ZMD's commissioners would consult with their appointing authority and the ZMD's counsel regarding discretionary policy decisions.

We are aware that the ZMD has been operating with a conflict of interest policy while the proposed policy was under review. We hope that this new policy can be implemented in a manner that continues to reassure taxpayers that the ZMD is operating responsibly.

Sincerely,

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