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Valerie Uskoski
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Dear Ms. Uskoski:

This letter is written with regard to your position as a Clark County Planning Commission member. During the time that the Planning Commission was actively considering a proposal to prohibit single-family residences in multi-family residential zoning districts, you were a member of the Planning Commission. At that same time, you were filing a development application to divide and construct single family residences in a multi-family district on behalf of clients in the Brush Prairie area. This information came to the attention of the Board of County Council. The fact that you were pursuing a single-family residential development in a multi-family zone at the same time this issue was under consideration before the Planning Commission, raised issues of potential conflict of interest or ethics violation. Given this potential, the Board has voted to terminate your appointment as a Clark County Planning Commission member. This determination is effective immediately.

It is important to note that the Council has not concluded that an actual conflict of interest occurred; this is not required. The Council has an important interest in avoiding the potential for conflicts of interest or ethical issues. The concern forms the basis for the Council's action. This standard is necessary to maintain the public trust.

The Council's action also does not minimize the significance of your service to date. Service to the public is a challenge and frequently forgotten. Thank you for your efforts in this regard.

Respectfully,

David Madore, Chair

Jeanne E. Stewart, Councilor

Tom Mielke, Councilor