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Re: Awarding Rehabilitation Loan to Sitting Housing and Redevelopment Authority Commissioner

Doug and Carol,

It is our understanding that a current commissioner of the Bloomington Housing and Redevelopment Authority (the "HRA") would like to apply for a rehabilitation loan under the HRA's Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Program. It is our opinion that if certain procedures are followed, the HRA commissioner is legally able to apply for and receive a loan under the HRA's loan program.

Minnesota Statutes, Section 471.88, subd. 19 states that if a housing and redevelopment authority administers a loan program with state or federal funds, the authority may make a loan from these funds to a public officer of the housing and redevelopment authority who applies for a loan if certain conditions are met. The conditions include the following: (i) the commissioner who applies for a loan must disclose that he or she has applied for the loan during a public meeting of the HRA; (ii) the commissioner's disclosure must be recorded in the official minutes of the meeting; (iii) the commissioner must abstain from voting on the application or any other actions related to the loan; and (iv) the HRA Board must approve the loan application by unanimous vote.

Please contact me at 612-337-9213 if you have any questions regarding the foregoing.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Eddington".

Julie Eddington

JAE/sel