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April 23, 2021

Louisiana Board of Ethics
P.O. Box 4368
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Re: Request for Advisory Opinion

Dear Board Members:

On behalf of myself, I am requesting an advisory opinion interpreting the provisions of **La. R.S. 47:9072A**. I am an elected official, serving on the Plaquemines Parish Council. As a council member, I also serve on the Plaquemines Port, Harbor and Terminal District. I was recently appointed to the Louisiana Lottery Corporation board of directors. My appointment is subject to confirmation by the Senate, which must be done in the current legislative session ending June 10. Accordingly, I am requesting addition of this item to the supplemental agenda for the May 7 board meeting.

I am seeking interpretation of the prohibitions in this statute regarding my duties and activities as an elected official, particularly regarding the following questions:

1. As a council member, I participate in the legislative and budgetary functions of the parish government. This includes voting on motions to place propositions on the ballot for a vote of the general public. Do the provisions of this statute restrict my ability to perform my duties as a council member?
2. As a council member, I attend various functions of other elected officials to develop relationships that are beneficial in helping me perform my duties. Do the provisions of this statute restrict my ability to attend such functions?
3. As a council member, I attend various fund raiser events. Do the provisions of this statute prohibit me from attending such functions and making contributions to other candidates?
4. Do the provisions of this statute prohibit me from being a candidate for public office or soliciting campaign contributions?

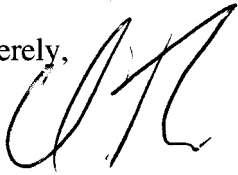
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Please contact me at (504) 722-6272 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you for your consideration of this request to add this item to the May 7, 2021 agenda of the Board of Ethics.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W. Beau Black', written in a cursive style.

W. Beau Black

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