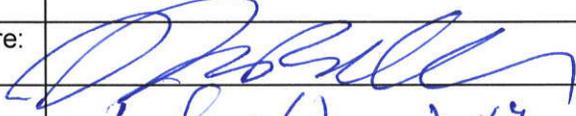


**DISCLOSURE OF APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 23(b)(3)**

| PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION | |
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| Name of public employee: | Michael G. Bellotti |
| Title or Position: | Sheriff, Norfolk County |
| Agency/Department: | Norfolk Sheriff's Office Commonwealth of Mass |
| Agency address: | 200 West Street P.O. Box 149 Dedham, MA 02027 |
| Office Phone: | 781-751-3300 |
| Office E-mail: | mbellotti@norfolksheriffma.org |
| | <p>In my capacity as a state, county or municipal employee, I am expected to take certain actions in the performance of my official duties. Under the circumstances, a reasonable person could conclude that a person or organization could unduly enjoy my favor or improperly influence me when I perform my official duties, or that I am likely to act or fail to act as a result of kinship, rank, position or undue influence of a party or person.</p> <p>I am filing this disclosure to disclose the facts about this relationship or affiliation and to dispel the appearance of a conflict of interest.</p> |
| APPEARANCE OF FAVORITISM OR INFLUENCE | |
| Describe the issue that is coming before you for action or decision. | The New England Wildlife Center has made a proposal in which inmates at this facility would receive extensive training in the care of numerous animals. The proposal includes possible opportunities for employment opportunities for the inmates as well. After a competitive procurement is executed, it is possible that the Center may be awarded a contract. |
| What responsibility do you have for taking action or making a decision? | As Sheriff, I have ultimate authority with respect to contracts, but I do not participate in the procurement process or the day to day approval/signing, leaving it in the hands of a committee consisting of the respective Department Head, the Superintendent of Jail Operations, the Director of Finance, an Attorney as well as the Special Sheriff. If awarded, the contract would be signed by the Director of Finance. |
| Explain your relationship or affiliation to the person or organization. | Nina Flaherty, the Assistant Director of the program, is my sister. Mrs. Flaherty receives no financial gain regardless of whether a contract for such services is awarded to the New England Wildlife Center. I have no other affiliation with the organization. |
| How do your official actions or decision matter to the person or organization? | I leave the decision whether to enter into this contract or not in the hands of a pre-established committee, as referenced above. |

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| <p>Optional: Additional facts – e.g., why there is a low risk of undue favoritism or improper influence.</p> | <p>My official duties do not require my participation in connection with the potential contract discussed above so a disclosure under G.L. c.268A, §6A does not seem fit. This disclosure is filed pursuant to G.L.c268A, §(b)(3) to dispel the impression that I might be influenced in the performance of my duties by virtue of my relationship Nina Flaherty, the Assistant Director of the New England Wildlife Center.</p> |
| <p>If you cannot confirm this statement, you should recuse yourself.</p> | <p>WRITE AN X TO CONFIRM THE STATEMENT BELOW.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taking into account the facts that I have disclosed above, I feel that I can perform my official duties objectively and fairly.</p> |
| <p>Employee signature:</p> |  |
| <p>Date:</p> | <p>Feb. 12, 2017</p> |

Attach additional pages if necessary.

Not elected to your public position – file with your appointing authority.

Elected state or county employees – file with the State Ethics Commission.

Members of the General Court – file with the House or Senate clerk or the State Ethics Commission.

Elected municipal employee – file with the City Clerk or Town Clerk.

Elected regional school committee member – file with the clerk or secretary of the committee.