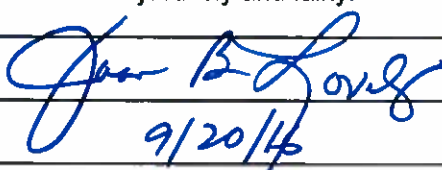


**DISCLOSURE OF APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 23(b)(3)**

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STATE ETHICS COMMISSION**

	PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
Name of public employee:	Joan B. Lovely 2016 SEP 20 PM 3:43
Title or Position:	State Senator
Agency/Department:	State Senate
Agency address:	Room 413A, State House Boston, MA 02133
Office Phone:	617-722-1410
Office E-mail:	Joan.lovely@masenate.gov
	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. I am filing this disclosure to disclose the facts about this relationship or affiliation and to dispel the appearance of a conflict of interest.
	APPEARANCE OF FAVORITISM OR INFLUENCE
Describe the issue that is coming before you for action or decision.	I received inquiries from constituents requesting assistance in identifying and securing grant funding for a dredging project affecting Palmer Cove in Salem, MA, which is in my district. The dredging project would benefit property owners that abut the water, including the Palmer Cove Yacht Club ("PCYC"). My husband is a member of the PCYC. Through my office I corresponded with constituents, some of whom are members of the PCYC, provided commonly available advice about grant funding, and facilitated 1 meeting with state officials and individuals interested in the dredging project. This approach is consistent with assistance my office has provided on similar dredging projects in the 2 nd Essex District. Recently, after taking these actions, I learned that each member of the PCYC will be assessed a fee to help pay for the cost of the dredging project. The amount of the fee will depend on the amount of grant funding that is available. After learning that there would be an as-yet-determined assessment, I and my staff ceased involvement in the issue and I will recuse myself and my office from future involvement.
What responsibility do you have for taking action or making a decision?	I have no official role in deciding or awarding grant funding.
Explain your relationship or affiliation to the person or organization.	The Palmer Cove Yacht Club is located in Salem, MA in the Second Essex District, which I represent in the State Senate. My husband is a member of the Palmer Cove Yacht Club.
How do your official actions or decision matter to the person or organization?	My assistance identifying and securing grant funding to allow the dredging project to advance was requested.

Optional: Additional facts – e.g., why there is a low risk of undue favoritism or improper influence.	Grant funding has not yet been awarded and upon receiving information that PCYC members would be assessed a fee related to the amount of grant funding secured I took steps to separate myself and will recuse myself going forward from conversations or advocacy regarding grant funding.
If you cannot confirm this statement, you should recuse yourself.	WRITE AN X TO CONFIRM THE STATEMENT BELOW. ☐ Taking into account the facts that I have disclosed above, I feel that I can perform my official duties objectively and fairly.
Employee signature:	
Date:	9/20/16

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.