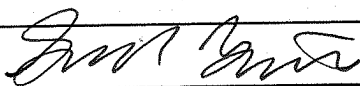


**DISCLOSURE OF APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST  
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 23(b)(3)**

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	<b>PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION</b>
Name of public employee:	Gerard Tuoti
Title or Position:	Public Information Officer
Agency/Department:	State Ethics Commission
Agency address:	1 Ashburton Place, 6th floor, Room 619, Boston, MA 02108
Office Phone:	617-371-9533
Office E-mail:	Gerry.Tuoti@mass.gov
	<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>
	<b>APPEARANCE OF FAVORITISM OR INFLUENCE</b>
Describe the issue that is coming before you for action or decision.	It is expected that a preliminary inquiry recommendation and summons authorization request regarding a municipal agency employee will be discussed at the May 16, 2019 State Ethics Commission meeting.
What responsibility do you have for taking action or making a decision?	I am responsible for taking the meeting minutes for State Ethics Commission meetings.
Explain your relationship or affiliation to the person or organization.	I have no relationship to and have never had any contact with the subject of the preliminary inquiry request. The summons authorization seeks testimony from my relative through marriage, who is employed by the same municipal agency as the subject and who is also referenced by name in the preliminary inquiry report as having been interviewed.
How do your official actions or decision matter to the person or organization?	The meeting minutes that I produce will be the official record of the State Ethics Commission's discussion of the preliminary inquiry request and summons authorization.

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<b>Optional:</b> Additional facts – e.g., why there is a low risk of undue favoritism or improper influence.	I have no responsibility for presenting, investigating, or determining the outcome of the preliminary inquiry request and summons authorization.
<b>If you cannot confirm this statement, you should recuse yourself.</b>	<b>WRITE AN X TO CONFIRM THE STATEMENT BELOW.</b> <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.
Employee signature:	
Date:	5/15/19

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.