


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

	PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
Name of public employee:	Nicholas Cocchi
Title or Position:	Sheriff
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	<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.	<u>SEE ATTACHED EXPLANATION</u>
What responsibility do you have for taking action or making a decision?	
Explain your relationship or affiliation to the person or organization.	
How do your official actions or decision matter to the person or organization?	

Optional: Additional facts – e.g., why there is a low risk of undue favoritism or improper influence.	
If you cannot confirm this statement, you should recuse yourself.	WRITE AN X TO CONFIRM THE STATEMENT BELOW. <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:	April 15, 2020

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.

I have agreed to a live stream question and answer session with United States Senator Edward Markey regarding the Hampden County Sheriff's Department's COVID-19 response and its recent opening of the First Responder Recovery Center for front line workers. The session will be filmed on location at the Hampden County Sheriff's Department's property. Earlier this year, I endorsed Senator Edward Markey in his re-election bid for U.S. Senate. However, I want to be clear that this interview is being conducted at the Senator's request and in my official capacity as Sheriff of Hampden County and will be limited in scope to a discussion on the issues described above. This interview is not for the purpose of endorsing Senator Markey's candidacy and I would afford this interview opportunity to any candidate or public official who wished to have it. I am hoping this explanation dispels any appearance of a conflict of interest.