CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE OF THE

LAKE COUNTY CHILDREN & FAMILIES FIRST COMMISSION

SECTION 100. Purpose. Pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 87300, et seq., the Lake County Children & Families First Commission hereby adopts the following Conflict of Interest Code. Nothing contained herein is intended to modify or abridge the provisions of the Political Reform Act of 1974 (Government Code Section 81000). The provisions of this Code are in addition to Government Code Section 87100 and other laws pertaining to conflicts of interest. Except as otherwise indicated, the definitions of said Act and regulations adopted pursuant thereto are incorporated herein and this Code shall be interpreted in a manner consistent therewith. For purposes of this Code the words set forth in Appendix "A" shall be defined as set forth therein.

SECTION 200. <u>Designated Positions</u>. The positions listed on Exhibit "A" are designated positions. Officers and employees holding those positions are designated employees and are deemed to make, or participate in the making of, decisions which may foreseeably have a material effect on a financial interest.

positions shall be assigned to one or more of the disclosure categories set forth in Exhibit "B". The Board of Directors has determined that each designated employee shall file such statements as are hereafter required disclosing that employee's

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interest in investments, real property, and income, designated as reportable under the category to which the employee's position is assigned. Following each designated position on Exhibit "A" there shall be listed in the second column, opposite each designated position, the specific disclosure category or categories to which each designated employee is assigned.

SECTION 400. Place and Time of Filing.

- (a) All designated employees required to submit a statement of financial interests shall file the original with the person acting as the filing officer for the agency, who is __the Commission Secretary
- (b) The filing officer shall make and retain a copy of the statement of financial interest and forward the original to the County Clerk-Registrar of the County of Lake. Such statements shall be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors within five days after the filing deadline or five days after receipt in the case of statements filed late.
- employees of the District on the effective date of this Code, as originally adopted, promulgated and approved by the Code reviewing body, shall file statements within thirty days after the effective date of this Code. Thereafter, each person already in a position when it is designated by an

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amendment to this Code shall file an initial statement within thirty days after the effective date of the amendment.

- Assuming Office Statements. All employees appointed, promoted or transferred to designated positions shall file initial statements not later than thirty days after assuming office.
- Annual Statements. All designated employees shall file annual statements no later than April 1. Such statements shall cover the period of the preceding calendar year.
- Leaving Office Statement. Every designated employee who leaves office and does not assume another designated position for the District shall file a statement within thirty days after leaving office. A designated employee who leaves his position and immediately assumes another position designated in Exhibit "A" shall file an amended statement only if additional reporting is required pursuant to 18 Exhibit "A".

SECTION 500. Contents of and Period Covered Statements of Economic Interests.

Contents of Initial Statements. (a)

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Initial statements shall disclose any reportable investments, interests in real property and business positions held on the effective date of this Code.

- Contents of Assuming Office Statements. Assuming office statements shall disclose any reportable investments, interests in real property and business positions held on the date of assuming office, appointment, or the date of nomination.
- Contents of Annual Statements. (C) Annual statements shall disclose any reportable investments, interests in real property, income and business positions held or received during the previous calendar year provided, however, that the period covered by an employee's first annual statement shall begin on the effective date of the Code or the date of assuming office, whichever is later.
- Contents of Leaving Office Statements. (d) Leaving office statements shall disclose reportable investments, interests in real property, income and business positions held or received during the period between the closing date of the last statement filed and the date of leaving office.

Manner of Reporting. Statements of SECTION 600. economic interests shall be made on forms prescribed by the Fair Political Practices Commission and supplied by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, and shall contain the following information:

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- (a) <u>Investment and Real Property Disclosure</u>. When an investment or an interest in real property 3/ is required to be reported, 4/ the statement shall contain the following:
 - A statement of the nature of the investment or interest;
 - 2. The name of the business entity in which each investment is held, and a general description of the business activity in which the business entity is engaged;
 - 3. The address or other precise location of the real property;
 - 4. A statement whether the fair market value of the investment or interest in real property equals or exceeds one thousand dollars (\$1,000), exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or exceeds one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

^{3/} For the purpose of disclosure only (not disqualification), an interest in real property does not include the principal residence of the filer or any other property which the filer utilizes exclusively as the personal residence of the filer.

^{4/} Investments and interests in real property which have a fair market value of less than \$1,000 are not investments and interests in real property within the meaning of the Political Reform Act. However, investments or interests in real property of an individual include those held by the individual's spouse and dependent children as well as a prorate share of any investment or interest in real property of any business entity or trust in which the individual, spouse and dependent children own, in the aggregate, a direct, indirect or beneficial interest of 10 percent or greater.

(b) <u>Personal Income Disclosure</u>. When personal income is required to be reported, <u>5</u>/ the statement shall contain:

- The name and address of each source of income aggregating two hundred fifty dollars, (\$250) or more in value, or fifty dollars (\$50) or more in value if the income was a gift, and a general description of the business activity, if any, of each source;
- 2. A statement whether the aggregate value of income from each source, or in the case of a loan, the highest amount owed to each source, was at least two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) but did not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000), whether it was in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) but was not greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or whether it was greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000);
- A description of the consideration, if any, for which the income was received;
- 4. In the case of a gift, the name, address and business activity of the donor and any intermediary through which the gift was made; a description of the gift; the amount of value

^{5/} A designated employee's income includes his or her community property interest in the income of his or her spouse but does not include salary or reimbursement for expenses received from a state, local or federal government agency.

of the gift; and the date on which the gift was received;

- 5. In the case of a loan, the annual interest rate and the security, if any, given for the loan.
- (c) <u>Business Entity Income Disclosure.</u> When income of a business entity, including income of a sole proprietorship, is required to be reported, <u>6</u>/ the statement shall contain:
 - The name, address, and a general description of the business activity of the business entity;
 - 2. The name of every person from whom the business entity received payments if the filer's pro rata share of gross receipts from such person was equal to or greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).
- (d) <u>Business Position Disclosure</u>. When business positions are required to be reported, a designated employee shall list the name and address of each business entity in which he or she is a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or in which he or she holds any position of management,

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^{6/} Income of a business entity is reportable if the direct, indirect or beneficial interest of the filer and the filer's spouse in the business entity aggregates a 10 percent or greater interest. In addition, the disclosure of persons who are clients or customers of a business entity is required only if the clients or customers are within one of the disclosure categories of the filer.

(e) Acquisition or Disposal During Reporting

<u>Periods</u>. In the case of an annual or leaving office statement, if an investment or an interest in real property was partially or wholly acquired or disposed of during the period covered by the statement, the statement shall contain the date of acquisition or disposal.

SECTION 700. Disqualification.

- (a) No designated employee shall make, participate in making, or use his or her official positions to influence the making of any governmental decision which will foreseeably have a material financial effect, distinguishable from its effect on the public generally, on:
 - (1) Any business entity in which the designated employee has a direct or indirect investment worth one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more;
 - (2) Any real property in which the designated employee has a direct or indirect interest worth one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more;
 - (3) Any source of income, other than gifts and other than loans by a commercial lending institution in the regular course of business on terms available to the public without regard to official status, aggregating two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) or more in value provided to, received by or promised to the designated employee

within twelve months prior to the time when the decision is made; or

- Any business entity in which the designated employee is a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or holds any position of management.
- (5) Any donor of, or any intermediary or agent for a donor of, a gift or gifts aggregating two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) or more in value provided to, received by, or promised to the public official within 12 months prior to the time when the decision is made.
- (b) No designated employee shall be prevented from making or participating in the making of any decision to the extent his or her participation is legally required for the decision to be made. The fact that the vote of a designated employee who is on a voting body is needed to break a tie does not make his or her participation legally required for purposes of this section. The County Counsel shall advise any official whether or not the "Rule of Necessity" is applicable on a case by case basis.
- (c) Nothing contained herein shall abridge the right of any citizen, whether or not a designated employee, to submit information or express views on the same basis as any other citizen, provided such is done in public and provided that the person clearly indicates he or she is acting in a private capacity.

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SECTION 800. Manner of Disqualification.

when a designated employee determines that he or she should not make a governmental decision because he or she has a financial interest in it, the determination not to act must be accompanied by disclosure of the financial interest. In the case of a voting body, this determination and disclosure shall be made part of the agency's official record; in the case of a designated employee who is the head of an agency, this determination and disclosure shall be made in writing to his or her appointing authority; and in the case of other designated employees, this determination and disclosure shall be made in writing to the designated employee's supervisor.

SECTION 900. Assistance of the Commission and and Counsel.

Any designated employee who is unsure of his or her duties under this Code may request assistance from the

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Fair Political Practices Commission pursuant to Government Code Section 83114 or the County Counsel to issue an option with respect to his duties under Title 9 of the Government Code.

SECTION 1000. <u>Violations</u>. This Code has the force and effect of law. Designated employees violating any provision of this Code are subject to the administrative, criminal and civil sanctions provided in the Political Reform Act, Government Code Sections 81000-91014. In addition, a decision in relation to which a violation of the disqualification provisions of this Code or of Government Code Section 87100 has occurred may be set aside as void pursuant to Government Code Section 91003.

SECTION 1100. Statute of Limitation.

(a) No action shall be brought pursuant to Government Code Section 91003 to restrain the execution of or to set aside official action of the District unless the complaint or petition is filed and served upon the District within sixty (60) days following the official action.

SECTION 1200. <u>Effective Date of Code.</u> This Conflict of Interest Code shall become effective thirty days after approval by the Lake County Children & Families First Commission.

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Children & Families First Commission
Dated: 6/27/00
Submitted to Clerk, Board of Supervisors:
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COUNTY OF LAKE

CHAIR, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: KELLY F. COX Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM: CAMERON L. REEVES County Counsel

EXHIBIT A

POSITIONS DESIGNATED TO FILE FINANCIAL INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Positions	Disclosure Category
1. All Commissioners	All
2. Executive Director	All
3. Lead Program Evaluator	All

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EXHIBIT B

Category 1

Positions designated to be in this category shall disclose as follows:

(a) All income, investments, interests, and business positions in any business entity which does now or is likely to do business within the District.

Category 2

Positions designated to be in this category shall disclose interests in real property or interests (or business positions) in any business, which owns real property, if the property is located within the District or within two miles of its boundaries.

Category 3

Positions designated in this category shall disclose all income and investment interests, and business positions in any business entity or source of income which are contractors or subcontractors engaged in the performance of work or services of the type utilized by the department or District for which the designated employee is Manager, Director, or Employee.

Category 4

Positions designated in this category shall disclose all income and investment interests, and business positions in any business entity or source of income which does business with the District or has done business with the District during the two years prior to the time a statement is required to be filed hereunder which manufacture or sell supplies, books, machinery, or equipment of the type utilized by the department or District in which the designated employee is Director, Manager or an Employee.

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DEFINITIONS:

- "Business entity": Any organization or enterprise operated for profit, including but not limited to a proprietorship, firm, business trust, joint venture, syndicate, corporation or association.
- "Designated employee": Any officer or employee of the District whose position is designated in Exhibit "A" of this Code. Exhibit "A" sets forth those positions which entail the making or participation in the making of decisions which may foreseeably have a material financial effect on any financial interest, but does not include any unsalaried member of any board or commission which serves a solely advisory function.
- "Financial Interest": A designated employee has a "financial interest" in a decision if it is reasonably foreseeable that the decision will have a material financial effect, distinguishable from its effect on the public generally or any significant segment thereof, or on the official as a member of a profession, industry or occupation, all members of which will be affected to the same extent on:
 - Any business entity in which the designated employee has a direct or indirect investment worth \$1,000 or more;
 - Any real property in which the designated employee has a direct or indirect interest worth \$1,000 or more:
 - C. Any source of income other than gifts and other than

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loans by a commercial lending institution in the regular course of business on terms available to the public without regard to official status, aggregating two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) or more in value provided to, received by or promised to the public official within 12 months prior to the time when the decision is made.

- d. Any business entity in which the public official is a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or holds any position of management.
- e. Any donor of, or any intermediary or agent for a donor of, a gift or gifts aggregating two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) or more in value provided to, received by, or promised to the public official within 12 months prior to the time when the decision is made.

For purposes of this section, indirect investment or interest owned by the spouse or dependent child of an official, by an agent on behalf of a public official, or by a business entity or trust in which the official, the official's agents, spouse, and dependent children own directly, indirectly, or beneficially a 10 percent interest or greater.

"Gift" means, except as provided in subdivision Gift. (a), any payment to the extent that consideration of equal or greater value is not received and includes a rebate or discount in the price of anything of value unless the rebate or discount is made in the regular course of business to members of the public without regard to official status. Any person, other than a defendant in a criminal action, who claims that a payment is

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not a gift by reason of receipt of consideration has the burden of proving that the consideration received is of equal or greater value.

- The term "gift" does not include:
- Informational material such as books, reports, pamphlets, calendars or periodicals. No payment for travel or reimbursement for any expense shall be deemed "informational material";
 - 2. Gifts which are not used and which, within 30 days after receipt, are returned to the donor or delivered to a charitable organization without being claimed as a charitable contribution for tax purposes;
 - 3. Gifts from an individual's spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, or first cousin or the spouse of any such person; provided that a gift from any such person shall be considered a gift if the donor is acting as an agent or intermediary for any person not covered by this paragraph.
- 4. Campaign contributions required to be reported under Chapter 4 of this title;
- 5. Any devise or inheritance.
- 5. Immediate Family. "Immediate family" means the spouse and dependent children.
- 6. Income, (a) "Income" means except as provided in subsection (b), a payment received, including but not limited to any salary, wage, advance, dividend, interest, rent, proceeds from any sale, gift, including any gift of food or beverage, loan, forgiveness

or payment of indebtedness received by the filer, reimbursement for expenses, per diem, or contribution to an insurance or pension program paid by any person 3 other than an employer, and including any community property interest in income of a spouse. 5 also includes an outstanding loan. Income of an 6 individual also includes a pro rata share of any income, 7 of any business or beneficially, a 10 percent interest 8 "Income", other than a gift, does not include 9 income received from any source outside the jurisdiction 10 and not doing business within the jurisdiction, not 11 planning to do business within the jurisdiction, or not 12 having done business within the jurisdiction during the two 13 years prior to the time any statement or other action 14

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is required under this title.

- (1) Campaign contributions required to be reported under Chapter 4 of this title.
- (2) Salary and reimbursement for expenses or per diem received from a state, local or federal government agency and reimbursement for travel expenses and per diem received from a bona fide educational, academic or charitable organization.
 - (3) Any devise or inheritance.
 - (4) Interest, dividends or premiums on a time

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or demand deposit in an financial institution, shares in a credit union or any insurance policy, payments received under any insurance policy, or any bond or other debt instrument issued by any government or government agency.

- (6) Redemption of a mutual fund.
- (7) Alimony or child support payments.
- (8) Any loan or loans from a commercial lending institution which are made in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to official status if:
- (a) Used to purchase, refinance the purchase of, or for improvements to, the principal residence of filer; or
- (b) The balance owed does not exceed then thousand dollars (\$10,000).
- (9) The loan from an individual's spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephew, niece, uncle, aunt, or first cousin, or the spouse of any such person, provided that a loan from any such person shall be considered income if the lender is acting as an agent or intermediary for any person not covered by this paragraph.
- (10) Any indebtedness created as part of a retail or credit card transaction of made in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without

regard to official status, so long as the balance owed to the creditor does not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

- (11) Payments received under a defined benefit pension plan qualified under Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a).
- 7. Interest in Real Property. "Interest in Real Property" includes any leasehold, beneficial or ownership interest or an option to acquire such an interest in real property located in the jurisdiction owned directly, indirectly or beneficially by the public official, or other filer, or his or her immediate family if the fair market value of the interest is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more. Interests in real property of an individual includes a pro rata share of interests in real property of any business entity or trust in which the individual or immediate family owns, directly, indirectly or beneficially, a 10 percent interest or greater. Interest in real property does not include the principal residence of the filer.
- 8. "Investment": Any financial interest in or security issued by a business entity, including but not limited to common stock, preferred stock, rights, warrants, options, debt insturments and any partnership or other

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ownership interests owned directly, indirectly, or beneficially by the public official, or other filer, or his or her immediate family, if the business entity or any parent, subsidiary or otherwise related business entity has an interest in real property in the jurisdiction, or does business or plans to do business in the jurisdiction, or has done business within the jurisdiction at any time during the two years prior to the time any statement or other action is required under this Code. No asset shall be deemed an investment unless its fair market value equals or exceeds \$1,000. "Investment" does not include a time or demand deposit in a financial institution, shares in a credit union, any insurance policy, or any bond or other debt instrument issued by any government or government agency. Investments of an individual include a pro rata share of investments of any business entity or trust in which the individual or immediate family owns, directly, indirectly, or beneficially, a 10 percent interest or greater.

9. "Jurisdiction": Means the geographical area within the District's boundaries, except that real property

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shall be deemed to be within the "jurisdiction" of the District of it is located within or not more than two miles outside the boundaries of the District, or within two miles of any land owned or used by the District.

- 10. "Making Governmental Decisions": A designated employee "makes a governmental decision", except as provided in Definition 13(b)1 herein, when he or she, acting within the authority of his or her office:
 - a. Votes on a matter;
 - b. Appoints a person;
 - c. Obligates or commits the District to any course of action;
 - d. Enters into any contractual agreement on behalf of the District;
 - e. Determines not to act, within the meaning of subparagraphs a, b, c, and d, unless such determination is made because of his or her financial interest, then the designated employee's determination must be accompanied by disclosure of the financial interest, made part of the District's official record or made in writing to the designated employee's supervisor, appointing power or to any other person specified in this Code.
 - 11. "Material Financial Effect":
 - a. The financial effect of a governmental decision on a financial interest of a designated employee is material if, at the time the designated employee makes,

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or participates in making, the decision, in light of all the circumstances and facts known at the time of the decision, the designated employee knows or has reason to know that the existence of the financial interest might interfere with his or her performance of duties in an impartial manner free from bias.

Provided that, the making or participation in the making of a governmental decision by a contract consultant or by a person retained to provide information, advice, recommendation or counsel has no material financial effect on a business entity or source of income in which such consultant or person retained is an officer, employee, sole proprietor or partner, if the only financial effects of the decision are the modification, perpetuation or renewal of the contractual or retainer agreement and/or the opportunity to bid competitively upon a project or contract.

In determining the existence of a material effect upon a financial interest, consideration should be given, but not be limited to, an analysis of the following factors:

(1) In the case of a business entity in which the designated employee has a direct or indirect investment worth more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or in the case of a designated employee

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who is a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or holds any position of management in a business entity:

- (A) Whether the effect of the decision will be to increase or decrease the annualized gross revenue of the business entity by one percent or more or the annual net income of the business entity by .5 percent or more:
 - (B) Whether the effect of the decision will be to increase or decrease the assets or liabilities of the business entity by \$50,000 or more, or by .5 percent of its current assets or liabilities, which ever is less.
 - (2) In the case of real property within the jurisdiction, in which the designated employee has a direct or indirect interest worth more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
 - (A) Whether the effect of the decision will be to increase the income-producing potential of the real property by \$100 or more or by 5 percent, whichever is less.
 - (B) Whether the effect of the decision will be to increase the fair market value of the real property by \$1,000 or more or by .5 percent, whichever is greater.

Whether there is a nexus between the governmental decision and the purpose for which the designated employee receives income.

- The specific dollar or percentage amounts set forth above do not constitute either absolute maximum or minimum levels, but are merely intended to provide guidance and should be considered along with other relevant factors in determining whether a financial interest may interfere with the designated employee's exercise of his or her duties in rendering a decision.
- "Public Official": Any officer or employee of the District, who is a designated employee.
 - "Participating in the Making of Governmental Decisions": 13.
 - A designated employee "participates in the making of a governmental decision", except as provided in subsection b(l) of this definition, when he or she, acting within the authority of his or her office:
 - Negotiates, without significant substantive review, with a governmental entity or private person regarding the decision; or
 - Advises or makes recommendations to the decision-maker, either directly or without significant intervening substantive review, by;
 - Conducting research or making any (A)

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of judgment on the part of the designated employee and the purpose of which is to influence the decision; or Preparing or presenting any report, analysis, (B) or opinion, orally or in writing, which requires the exercise of judgment on the part of the designated employee and the purpose of which is to influence the decision. "Making" or "participating in the making" of a (b) governmental decision shall not include: 11 Actions of designated employees which are (1)solely ministerial, secretarial, manual or 13 clerical; 14 Appearances by a designated employee as 15 member of the general public before the 16 District in the course of its prescribed 17 governmental functions to represent 18 himself on matters related solely to his or 19 her personal interests; or 20 Actions by designated employees, or employee (3) 21 representatives relating to their compensation 22 or the terms or conditions of their 2: employment or contract. 2.1 26 . /// 27 111

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