

May 9, 2000
Re: IO-00-55

You inquired whether you and ---- may serve on the Advisory Board of the Baltimore Partnership Office of Fannie Mae. In this capacity, you will be asked to provide guidance and information about the housing needs of the county, and how Fannie Mae may assist the county in solving those needs. You will not provide advice with regard to policy or financial matters. You will have no fiduciary obligation to Fannie Mae, but are asked only to represent the county's interests. For this reason, the ethics commission has concluded that both you and --- may participate on the advisory board of the Fannie Mae Baltimore partnership office.

Thank you for your inquiry. If you have other questions, please call any time.

Sincerely,

Betsy K. Dawson