

February 5, 2001
Re: IO-01-14

You inquired whether there are any ethics issues involved in your campaign for mayor, considering that you are a contractual employee of the Department of Aging. This letter will confirm the opinion I gave you by phone. Your political activities are protected by state law, Article 24, §13-103, Annotated Code of Maryland, 1957. That means that you may run for office while you are an employee of the county, provided that you do not participate in political activity while you are on the job, during working hours, or advocate the overthrow of the government by unconstitutional or violent means. See §13-105.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

Betsy K. Dawson
Executive Director