

October 16, 2002
RE: IO-02-133

You inquired whether the ethics law permits the use of a photo of the council member standing with county firefighters in the member's campaign brochure. The ethics commission addressed this issue in AO-02-91, a copy of which is enclosed for your information. The ethics commission noted that in the present case, the caption with the photo identified it to be a ribbon cutting ceremony. Since the photo commemorates a specific official event, it cannot reasonably be inferred to be an endorsement of the council member's candidacy by firefighters.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

Betsy K. Dawson
Executive Director