

December 9, 2002
Re: IO-02-147

On your behalf, -- inquired whether there is a conflict of interest in your continued participation on the Republican Central Committee while you serve as the legislative assistant for council member --. The answer is that your right to participate in political activity as a county employee is protected by the state "anti-Hatch Act", Art. 24,§13-103, of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Be advised that the law provides that you may not engage in political activity while on the job or during work hours. To avoid confusion, you should always be quite clear about the capacity in which you are acting, whether you are representing the council member or the Republican party.

Thank you for your inquiry. On behalf of the ethics commission, I would like to welcome you to Anne Arundel County. I look forward to meeting and working with you.

Sincerely,

Betsy K. Dawson
Executive Director