

July 17, 2002
Re: IO-02-86

You inquired whether you and – may vote on a resolution that, if enacted by the voters at the next general election, would require the county council to enact a binding arbitration procedure in the event of a union impasse. After having reviewed this inquiry and the related inquiries presented in IO-02-84, and IO-02-46, the commission advises that you may not participate in the consideration or vote on the latest resolution. The reasons for this conclusion were discussed thoroughly in IO-02-46. The commission believes that the mandatory nature of this latter resolution precludes you from participating fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

Betsy K. Dawson
Executive Director