

July 10, 2002
Re: IO-02-86

In a July 8 letter, received by the ethics commission staff on July 9, 2002, you inquired whether you and -- may vote on a second resolution that you submitted to the ethics commission for review. This second resolution requires the county council to enact a binding arbitration ordinance for represented employees in the case of an impasse in contract negotiations. You asked to have a decision by today, because you intend to introduce this resolution on Monday, July 15. The commission members have expressed concerns about this second proposal, and will not be able to give you a decision on the matter before the commission meeting on the evening of July 15. Although you may introduce the resolution without ethics commission advice, the ethics law, §3-102(d), provides that if the ethics commission does not concur with your action, it may "file a complaint, provide advice, or take other appropriate action."

Sincerely,

Betsy K. Dawson
Executive Director