



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY  
ETHICS COMMISSION

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*Electronic Mail Only*

Re: AO-08-50

You inquired whether the ethics law would prohibit a new employee in the auditor's office from continuing to serve on the board of directors of the community association where the employee resides. The community association board administers the Special Community Benefit District (SCBD). Under Article 19, §40 of the Maryland Code, the books and accounts, records, and reports of all SCBDs, must be examined at least annually by the county auditor's office. The same law gives the auditor the authority to initiate a review or audit of these records at any time.

Under county law, §4-7-101(d), the community association that governs the community in which the SCBD is located administers the SCBD. You have advised that although the new employee is a member of the community association board, the employee is not an officer, and does not participate in the administration of the SCBD.

The ethics commission advises that the new employee may continue to serve on the board of the community association. The employee may not participate in any official county duties that involve the particular SCBD in which the employee lives. Additionally, the employee may not assist or represent the community association board in any matter involving that SCBD. See, AO-08-41 (available on the commission's website).

Thank you for your inquiry. If you have additional questions, please call.

The Anne Arundel County Ethics Commission

By: \_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
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