**Grand Juror Conflict of Interest Recusal Report**

**\_\_\_\_\_ County Grand Jury**

**(to be used in the case of an actual or perceived bias)**

Grand jurors must recuse themselves from participating in any grand jury civil investigation of an agency where an actual or perceived conflict of interest or bias exists. This action protects the integrity of the investigation, protects the credibility of the grand jury, and protects individual jurors.

**Conflict of Interest:** Grand jurors will recuse themselves from participating in any grand jury proceedings, deliberations, or votes when a conflict of interest exists that would affect their objectivity, disinterest, or fairness in the conduct of grand jury business, or when a reasonable person could conclude that such a conflict of interest exists.

**Bias:** A grand juror must not have an identifiable bias regarding any agency or government official the grand jury is investigating or considering for investigation. Bias is defined as a prejudgment that prevents the juror from considering an issue on its merits, or publicly expressed support or opposition to specific aspects of a matter before the Jury.

If there exists any conflict of interest or bias related to an agency within the investigative jurisdiction of the civil grand jury and being considered or discussed by the jury, the juror shall inform the foreperson of that fact and shall recuse himself or herself from participating in any grand jury civil investigation of that agency, including any discussion or vote concerning a civil investigation of or report about that agency.

For purposes of the obligation to recuse, “agency” means a department or other operational part of a local government entity.

I may have, or may be perceived as having, a:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Conflict of Interest** of a local government agency within the jurisdiction of the grand jury.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Bias** as to a local government agency within the jurisdiction of the grand jury.

Name of agency: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I must immediately and completely recuse from any discussion, deliberation, investigation, report writing or editing, or voting on any matter related to that agency. The term “agency” is defined as a department or other operational part of a local government.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Accepted by Foreperson (please print):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Foreperson signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_