**Grand Juror Recusal Form**

**For Bias or a Perceived Conflict of Interest**

(To be used if a possible conflict exists for a topic under consideration)

I understand that grand jurors must completely recuse themselves from participating in any investigation of a public agency or official where an actual or perceived bias or conflict of interest exists. Recusals protect the integrity of the investigation and the credibility of the jury.

Bias is (1) a prejudgment that prevents a juror from considering an issue on its merits or (2) favoritism or animosity toward the subject of the investigation. A conflict of interest occurs when a grand juror is in a position to derive a personal benefit from decisions made by the jury.

The test for recusing for a perceived bias or conflict of interest is whether members of the public could reasonably conclude that the juror harbors feelings of favoritism or animosity toward the agency or official, has prejudged a topic, or has a stake in the results of the jury’s investigation. The relationship or experience may be with the juror, or with a member of the juror’s family or household, or with the juror’s business associate. It may consist of employment with the agency, a family or personal relationship with an official or employee of the agency, or a business relationship with the agency or official. Taking a strong public stance for or against the agency or official may also result in the perception of bias.

I have or may be perceived as having a conflict of interest or a bias related to a local public agency or official due to public advocacy related to the agency or its official, or a relationship or experience, that I, my household member, friend, or business associate has had with the agency or official.

Name of agency and/or name and position of official: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Description of relationship, experience , or public advocacy (including dates): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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.

Printed name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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