

RESOLUTION

Urging the Ohio General Assembly to require all board or commission members who receive compensation to file annual financial disclosure statements with the Ohio Ethics Commission.

WHEREAS, Ohio Ethics laws promote ethics in public service to strengthen the public's confidence that Government business is conducted with impartiality and integrity.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Ethics Commission was established as part of the Ohio Ethics Law in 1973. The law established ethical standards for public officials and employees by requiring personal financial disclosure and establishing uniform review of ethics issues by statewide commissions.

WHEREAS, the Commission has jurisdiction over Ohio for all public officials and employees at the state and local levels of government.

WHEREAS, financial disclosure law requires many public office candidates, public officials and public employees to annually disclose personal financial information for the purpose of exposing or eradicating questions of conflict of interest.

WHEREAS, because of the public responsibilities entrusted to us, this Board of County Commissioners and other locally elected and appointed officials are required to file financial disclosure statements.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, appoints members to the Cleveland Cuyahoga County Port Authority.

AND WHEREAS, Port Authority board members in Ohio who share many of those same public responsibilities including letting of public works contracts, are not required by Ohio Revised Code to file financial disclosure statements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, hereby urges the Ohio General Assembly to make changes to Ohio Revised Code Section 102 compelling Board Members of the Port Authorities within Ohio to make annual financial disclosure filings to the Ohio Ethics Commission so as to eradicate or expose any question of financial or ethical conflict of interest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Dennis Madden, County Administrator and Jim Corrigan, Government Relations Officer, Administrator's Office.

On Motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Dimora, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.

Ayes: Jones, Dimora, Hagan.

Nays: None.

Resolution Adopted.

**Jeanne M. Schmotzer,
Clerk of the Board**

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