LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT ETHICS COMMISSION

ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 2016 - June 2017

To Mayor Greg Fischer and the Louisville Metro Council:

The members of the Louisville Metro Ethics Commission respectfully present the Annual Report on the activities of the Metro Ethics Commission for July 2016 – June 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Waskey, Chair

Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Ethics Commission

ETHICS TRAINING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES

The Commission's staff continues to maintain records of all participation in ethics training sessions required by the Ethics Ordinance, maintains Metro Officer financial disclosure statements, and provides access to disclosure statements online.

MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION

The Ethics Commission met on the following dates:

July 21, 2016 October 20, 2016 January 19, 2017 March 16, 2017 June 15, 2017.

REQUESTS FOR OPINIONS

The Commission responded to three requests for advisory opinions, 16-O-001, 16-O-002, and 17-O-001. The Commission voted on June 15, 2017 to post responses to Requests for Advisory Opinions issued on or after that date on the Ethics Commission website.

COMPLAINTS

Twelve complaints, 16-P-01 through 16-P-12, were submitted to the Commission in Fiscal Year 2016-2017. All of these complaints dealt with the same issue, and were dismissed with prejudice by the Commission.

RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO THE ETHICS CODE

Pursuant to Kentucky Senate Bill 222 that went into effect on June 29, 2017, amending Kentucky Revised Statute 65.003(7), the Commission respectfully recommends that the Louisville Metro Council delegate to the Commission the authority to issue subpoenas for the production of documents and the testimony of witnesses in connection with any complaint filed alleging violations of the Ethics Ordinance.