



**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Municipal Solid Waste Management and Resource
Recovery Advisory Council**

Conflict of Interest Questionnaire for Candidates

Interested Persons

An *interested person* is a person who seeks official action from the Commission. Interested persons include individuals, businesses, groups, or governmental entities that:

- Are regulated by the Commission (such as permit holders or registered contractors);
- Are parties in Commission proceedings (including non-profit associations);
- Transact business with the Commission (such as vendors); or
- Represent members of those groups (such as law firms, consulting firms, or trade associations).

Examples of relationships or associations that could cause conflict or be viewed as impeding an impartial decision include:

- A family member, friend, or ex-spouse who is employed by, or who is, an interested person
- An employee or family member having substantial, direct investments in an interested person.

You may have a substantial, direct investment in an interested person if:

- You have a controlling interest in the business;
- You own more than 10% of the voting interest in the business or you are entitled to more than 10% of the profits, proceeds, or capital gains of the business;
- You own more than \$25,000 of the fair market value of the business;
- You serve on the governing board, as an officer of, or as an employee of the business.

Questionnaire

1. Do you or any immediate family member or close associate qualify as an "interested person"?

Yes

No

2. Are you or any immediate family member or close associate currently employed by an "interested person"?

Yes

No

If yes, please list the “interested person” and your relationship with the family member or close associate.

3. Are you actively involved in an organization that seeks official action from the commission?

Yes

No

If yes, please list the name(s) of the organization(s).

4. Are you currently employed or taking compensation that could reasonably be expected to impair your independence of judgment in performance of the position?

Yes

No

If yes, please list the organization(s) with which you have this arrangement.

5. Have you made, or are you currently making substantial, direct investments that could reasonably be expected to create a conflict between your private interest and the public interest?

Yes

No

If yes, please list the organization(s) with which you have made or are currently making these investments.

I understand that if appointed to this position by the Commission, I should not accept or solicit any gifts, favors or services that might reasonably tend to influence me in the discharge of my official duties or that I know or should know is being offered with the intent to influence my official conduct. I further understand that I cannot intentionally solicit, accept, or agree to accept any benefit for having exercised my positions official powers or performance of my official duties in favor of another.

Signature _____

Printed name _____

Date _____