## MINUTES OF THE BALTIMORE COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 2017

The Commission was called to order by the Chair at 4:30 p.m. at 400 Washington Avenue, Room 118, Towson, Maryland. Those present at the meeting were:

- 1. Jeffrey Forman, Esquire Chairman
- 2. Lee Jacobson, Esquire Commissioner
- 3. J. Michael Lawlor, Esquire Commissioner
- 4. G. Darrell Russell Commissioner
- 5. Elaine C. Katz, Esquire Executive Director
- 6. Susan Dubin, Esquire Assistant County Attorney

The Chair called for the approval of the minutes for the meeting of September 5, 2017. Commissioner Jacobson moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Lawlor seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with no additions or corrections.

The Chair called for the approval of the closed session minutes of September 5, 2017. Commissioner Jacobson moved to approve. Commissioner Lawlor seconded the motion. The closed session minutes were approved with no additions or corrections.

The Chair called for the report of the Executive Director. At this time, former Commissioner Susan Green stopped by. Commissioner Green had to step down from the Ethics Commission due to her appointment to the Liquor Board. Director Katz took this opportunity to thank Ms. Green for her outstanding contribution to the Ethics Commission, and to wish her well on her new position.

The Commission was updated on the status of the 2016 financial disclosure forms. As of the date of the meeting, approximately 16 forms remain outstanding.

There being no old business, the Chair called for new business. Assistant County

Attorney Dubin distributed a copy of a news article dealing with Baltimore County

Government activity that appeared in the Baltimore Sun on September 19, 2017. After reading the article, the Commissioners agreed that there was nothing in the article that required any action by the Ethics Commission. (see attachment #1).

The Chair called for any concerns/questions. There being none, it was noted that the next Commission meeting will be held on November 7, 2017.

Commissioner Lawlor moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jacobson seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine C. Katz, Esquire

**Executive Director**