

**COOK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS
REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM
COOK COUNTY POST-EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS**

An official or employee seeking to take a new employment opportunity (which includes work as an independent contractor) must complete and submit this form to the Cook County Board of Ethics as soon as practicable upon learning of a specific opportunity for employment that, absent a waiver, would violate the post-employment rules in Section 2-580 of the Cook County Ethics Ordinance. Failure to provide all requested information will result in denial of any requested waiver.

A waiver shall be granted only if the petitioner has met his or her burden to demonstrate that: (1) The prospective employment would not result in a conflict of interest or disclosure of the County's confidential information, and (2) Any potential appearance of impropriety raised by such employment is outweighed by the grounds for waiver.

The Board may impose conditions upon the grant of waiver to safeguard against actual or potential conflicts of interest, disclosure of the County's confidential information, and/or an appearance of impropriety. Officials or employees seeking waiver shall not commence any employment or work opportunity in violation of Section 2-580 prior to obtaining a waiver. The Board will maintain any request for waiver as confidential while the petitioner remains an official or employee of Cook County unless petitioner requests otherwise or the petitioner attempts to enter into employment that would violate Section 2-580.

Name of Petitioner: _____ Title: _____

Department: _____

Currently employed by County? Y N If no, date County employment ended: _____

Prospective Employer: _____

New Position Title: _____

1. Describe your County job duties during your last two years at the County, including whether those job duties involved substantial decision-making authority over policies, rules, or contracts and/or participation in judicial or administrative proceedings: _____

2. Describe any type of business-related interactions, if any, that you had with your prospective employer on behalf of the County in the prior three years, including, but not limited to, whether you were involved in any manner in awarding a contract to, or granting any official action sought by, your prospective employer: _____

3. Describe the type of confidential information, if any, you were exposed to as a County official or employee: _____

4. Describe the nature of the duties you will perform as an employee of the prospective employer, including whether you will be exposed to the County's confidential information: _____

5. Is this prospective employment likely to involve substantial contact with your former government department or agency? If so, to what extent is such contact likely to involve matters where the department or agency has the discretion to make decisions based on your work product (either at the County or in the new position):

6. If you contend that the prospective employment may be beneficial to the County or its residents, specifically state how the prospective employment is consistent with the public interest: _____

VERIFICATION: To the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided on this form is accurate and complete. I acknowledge that an inaccurate or incomplete disclosure is punishable by law, including but not limited to fines.

Signature of Petitioner

Date

Printed Name of Petitioner