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H-24-452 Referral Information

Hotline ID: H-24-452

Date of Submission: 10/8/2024

Entity Type: Local

Entity Category Type: County

Entity: Jefferson County

Sub Entity Name:

Category: Restricted Funds (Hotel/Motel Tax)

1-2 sentence description of concern: THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR AUDITING OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS IT RELATES TO POTENTIAL LODGING TAX EXPENDITURES AND APPLICATIONS. COMMISSIONER BROTHERTON IS OUT OF CONTROL AND CHECKS AND BALANCES DO NOT APPEAR TO EXIST.

Report Issued: No

Reporting Type: FYI to Team

Report Number:

Investigation Contracted: No

Contract Number:

Contract Name:

Billing Time Code:

Costs:

Public Records Request: No

Flag For Annual Report: No

Substantiated: No

ARRA: No

Action: Referred to Audit Team - FYI

Audit Team: Port Orchard

Audit Team Contact: strzalkaa@sao.wa.gov

cc:

Referral Date: 10/8/2024

Action Taken: No

Response Date:

Report Date:

Follow Up Date:

Date Closed: 10/14/2024

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Submission Method: Web

Submission Type: Citizen **Staff:**

Author(Last, First):

Address:

City: **State:** WA **Zip:**

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Mobile Phone:

Email:

Contact Preference:

Waived Confidentiality: No

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What state or local organization is involved?

Please identify the specific concerns you are hoping the audit will address.

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Please provide a detailed description of the assertion or outstanding achievement, including who, when, where, what, how and how much.

COMMISSIONER GREG BROTHERTON IS ATTEMPTING TO RESTRUCTURE JEFFERSON COUNTY LTAC IN VIOLATION OF RCW IN AN ATTEMPT TO REDIRECT LTAC FUNDS TO SEED FUNDING FOR A COUNTY POOL WITH NO PUBLIC OVERSIGHT OR INPUT. HE IS ALSO PERSONALLY DRAFTING APPLICATIONS FOR A NEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (NORTH HOOD CANAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE) - ON BEHALF OF THAT ORGANIZATION - TO RECEIVE COUNTY DMO STATUS. AS A DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF THAT CHAMBER AND AN ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIAL (WHO UNTIL LAST MONTH SERVED AS THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER LIAISON TO COUNTY LTAC) THERE IS A DIRECT CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN HIS ACTIVITIES. THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME COMMISSIONER BROTHERTON HAS BEEN ACUSED OF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST VIOLATION DUE TO HIS OVERZEALOUS AND INAPPROPRIATE PARTICIPATION ON NGO BOARDS WHILE SERVING AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL. *CONFLICT OF INTEREST IS ABOUT MORE THAN DIRECT FINANCIAL BENEFIT, IT IS ALSO ABOUT UNDUE INFLUENCE AND VIOLATIONS OF ESTABLISHED PROCESS.* RELEVANT MEETINGS AND AGENDAS: 9/9/2024 BOCC MEETING:

<https://media.avcaptureall.cloud/meeting/06ed565f-11d9-4118-b2ea-fb0d059f628a> Agenda Item: Realignment of Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Resources Greg Brotherton, Commissioner District No. 3 (Fast forward to TM (Time Mark) 01:53:00) 9/10/2024 TCC Meeting - URL: <https://t.ly/KKjiO> Passcode: =b5p*1wD The meeting is called to order at TM (time mark) 11:45 9/23/2024 BOCC MEETING: <https://media.avcaptureall.cloud/meeting/120f46a2-39ee-4623-8457-cfe99aa9ceba> Agenda Item: NOT LISTED, VIDEO NOT POSTED, TIMESTAMP UNKNOWN - WAS ADDRESSED CLOSE TO 4PM BUT PRESENTATION INCLUDED A LENGTHY POWER POINT CREATED BY COMMISSIONER BROTHERTON

How did this issue come to your attention?

OPEN LODGING TAX AND BOCC MEETINGS.

What employee(s), contractors, etc., were involved in the assertion or achievement? Please include employee titles if possible.

COMMISSIONER GREG BROTHERTON, JEFFERSON COUNTY LTAC, JEFFERSON COUNTY TOURISM COORDINATING COUNCIL

Please provide the names of any witnesses to the assertion or achievement, if possible.

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR MARK MCCAULEY

Please provide any additional details or comments that would help us understand your assertion or achievement.

PLEASE REMIND JEFFERSON COUNTY LEADERSHIP THAT CONFLICT OF INTEREST IS ABOUT MORE THAN DIRECT FINANCIAL BENEFIT, IT IS ALSO ABOUT PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST, INAPPROPRIATE AND OVERREACHING INFLUENCE, AND VIOLATIONS OF ESTABLISHED OR STANDARD PROCESSES - ALL OF WHICH ARE PRESENT IN THIS CURRENT SITUATION.

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Activity
Log

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Entry Date ▼	Log Entry
10/14/2024	Referral updated by 'JEANA Gillis (gillisj)'.
10/14/2024	Passed info along to audit team for consideration (audit currently in progress). This can be closed out as it is anonymous. --strzalkaa
10/08/2024	Referral updated by 'JEANA Gillis (gillisj)'.
10/08/2024	Task assigned to 'strzalkaa@sao.wa.gov'. Team notification email sent to: strzalkaa@sao.wa.gov
10/08/2024	Referral updated by 'JEANA Gillis (gillisj)'. Action changed from (not set) to Referred to Audit Team - FYI.