

DOCKET NUMBER 2015-02 : OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS
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IN THE MATTER OF A : 18-20 TRINITY STREET
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COMPLAINT AGAINST : HARTFORD, CT 06106
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DAVID TASSAVOR : JUNE 1, 2016

STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to the Code of Ethics, General Statutes §§ 1-79, *et seq.*, Thomas Jones, Ethics Enforcement Officer, filed a Complaint against David Tassavor (“Tassavor” or “Respondent”), alleging violations of the Code of Ethics for Public Officials. Based on the investigation by the Enforcement Division of the Office of State Ethics (“OSE”), the Ethics Enforcement Officer finds that there is probable cause to believe that Tassavor violated the Code of Ethics as further set forth herein.

The Parties have entered into this Consent Order following the issuance of the Complaint, but without any adjudication of any issue of fact or law herein.

I. STIPULATION

The Ethics Enforcement Officer and the Respondent stipulate to the following facts:

1. Beginning no later than 2013, David Tassavor was a state employee, employed as a Transportation Engineer III at the Connecticut Department of Transportation (“DOT”).
2. Beginning no later than 2013 and continuing until no earlier than March 2014, as part of his duties as a Transportation Engineer III, Respondent was responsible for reviewing and/or approving the work of state consultants and contractors who performed work on the state’s bridges.

3. On or about February 2014, Respondent contacted no less than three companies that had bridge-related contracts with DOT, at least one of whose work was subject to Respondent's review and/or approval, and solicited each of the contractors for a job for Respondent's son.

4. General Statutes § 1-84 (c) states in pertinent part:

No public official or state employee . . . shall use his public office or position . . . to obtain financial gain for himself, his spouse, [or his] child

5. The Respondent, by contacting state contractors to solicit a job for his son as set forth herein, used his public office or position to obtain financial gain for his child, in violation of General Statutes § 1-84 (c).

6. Respondent admits to all facts set forth above and admits that, by engaging in such conduct, he violated the Code of Ethics for Public Officials.

II. JURISDICTION

1. The Ethics Enforcement Officer is authorized to investigate the Respondent's acts as set forth herein, and to enter into this Stipulation and Consent Order.

2. The provisions of this Stipulation and Consent Order apply to and are binding upon the Respondent.

3. The Respondent hereby waives all objections and defenses to the jurisdiction of the Ethics Enforcement Officer over matters addressed in this Stipulation and Consent Order.

4. The Respondent waives any rights he may have under General Statutes §§ 1-80,

1-82, 1-82a, 1-87 and 1-88, including the right to a hearing or appeal in this case, and agrees with the Ethics Enforcement Officer to an informal disposition of this matter as authorized by General Statutes § 4-177 (c).

5. The Respondent consents to jurisdiction and venue in the Connecticut Superior Court, Judicial District of Hartford, in the event that the State of Connecticut seeks to enforce this Stipulation and Consent Order. The Respondent recognizes that the Connecticut Superior Court has the authority to specifically enforce the provisions of this Stipulation and Consent Order, including the authority to award equitable relief.

6. The terms set forth herein are in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other existing or future statutory, regulatory, or other legal obligation that may be applicable to the Respondent.

7. The Respondent understands that he has a right to counsel and has knowingly and voluntarily elected to proceed without counsel in the defense of this matter and in connection with this Stipulation and Consent Order.

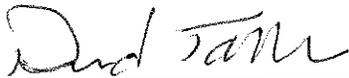
III. ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to General Statutes § 4-177 (c), the Office of State Ethics hereby ORDERS, and David Tassavor agrees, that:

1. Pursuant to General Statutes § 1-88 (a) (1), David Tassavor will cease and desist from any future violation of § 1-84 (c).
2. Pursuant to General Statutes § 1-88 (a) (3), David Tassavor will pay civil penalties to the State in the amount of three thousand dollars (\$ 3,000.00) for his violations of General Statutes § 1-84 (c), as set forth in the Complaint and herein.

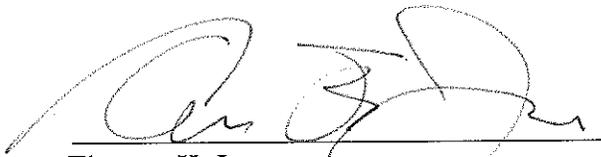
WHEREFORE, the Ethics Enforcement Officer and Respondent hereby execute this Stipulation and Consent Order dated June 1, 2016.

Dated: 6/2/16



David Tassavor

Dated: 6/3/16



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