

C. Ethics Statement

The mission of the Social Equity Council (“SEC”) is to provide leadership and service to support the state's adult-use cannabis program and provide individuals in disproportionately impacted areas the opportunity to participate in the program established under Public Act 21-1.

As members, employees, or agents of the Social Equity Council, we share responsibility to administer millions of tax dollars, we work with confidential information that is extremely sensitive and we have financial relationships with the private and public sectors. Given this responsibility, it is important to reiterate a strong code of ethics for all council members and employees.

The "Code of Ethics for Public Officials" is set forth in Connecticut General Statutes, Chapter 10, Part 1, sections 1-79 through 1-90a as may be amended from time to time (the “Code”). These sections prescribe proper conduct for state employees and officials in the discharge of their employment. This ethics statement, in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. sec. 1-83(a)(2), is to draw your attention to the Code statutes and to clearly define the policies of the agency concerning outside employment or business involvement, the solicitation or acceptance of gifts and gratuities and the proper handling of confidential and sensitive information.

In order that we may all avoid possible violations of the Code, it is necessary for the council to be aware of any situations in which there is a real, potential, or apparent conflict of interest involving its employees.