Dear Mr. Lenkeit,

This is about your conference on the "public generally" exception to the conflict of interest rules.
I object to the use of 5000 as the public generally. I don't know where the figure came from. Was it taken out of thin air?
In San Diego, it would be 1% of the households and less than 1% of households and businesses. In Los Angeles, it would be much less than 1%
1% is not a significant segment of the public, yet it can be used to escape complying conflict of interest rules. Your other optional rule uses 10% as a guideline.
It seems that the 2 options conflict with each other. 10% has some logic behind it-5000 does not.
If I had my way, I would do away with this exemption altogether. Public officials should just abstain if they are financially affected.

Very truly yours,

MELVIN SHAPIRO