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To: 'foil@nysenate.gov'; 'marillar@nyassembly.gov'
Subject: FOIL/records request: Legislative Ethics Commission's rules and regulations for non-partisanship by staff, for records subject to public disclosure -- & for records identifying who the Commission's records access officer & records appeal officers are

**TO: Senate Records Access Officer/Secretary of the Senate Alejandra Paulino, ESQ.
Assembly Records Access Officer Robin Marilla**

Article III of the Legislative Ethics Commission's By-Laws is entitled "Operations" and its ¶4 entitled "Prohibited Activities" reads:

"In order to maintain fair and effective functioning of the Legislative Ethics Commission, it is necessary that employees of the Commission not participate in partisan politics. It is also necessary that such employees appear independent of partisan political involvement, if confidence in the functioning of the Legislative Ethics Commission is to be maintained. The Commission shall maintain a set of rules and regulations to assure that staff avoid partisanship and the appearance of partisanship at all times."

Article III-a is entitled "Confidentiality" and states, as follows, in its ¶4:

"The Commission shall promulgate rules and regulations for making available records subject to public disclosure. Under conditions set forth by the Commission, such records may be made available for inspection and copying at the office of the Commission. Public records of the Commission and any other records deemed appropriate by the commission shall be posted on the Commission's public web site pursuant to Legislative Law §80(13). The Commission shall establish a records access officer and a records appeal officer."

Pursuant to Senate Rule ___ ["Freedom of Information"] and Assembly Rules VIII ["Public Access to Records"], request is made for the two aforesaid rules and regulations – and for records identifying who the Commission's records access officer and records appeal officer are.

Thank you.

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