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## **Advisory Opinion #2017-03 Issued: November 3, 2017**

**Advisory Opinion #2017-03:** The Board of Ethics, in accordance with Sec. 2-6-104(b)(3), declines to issue an advisory opinion where the Board determines that the request concerns past or current conduct, which is more appropriately addressed by the filing of a complaint or by the contracting of an investigation.

### **Procedural Background**

Request for Advisory Opinion #2017-03 (the "Request"), is dated March 23, 2017. The Request was submitted by a current public servant as defined by Section 2-6-3 of the Detroit Ethics Ordinance (the "Ordinance"), who waived confidentiality with respect to identity.

At its meeting on July 20, 2017, the Board determined that the Request met the basic requirements for a Request for Advisory Opinion under Section 2-6-101 of the Ordinance. At this meeting, the Board reviewed a Preliminary Analysis of the Request from Legal Counsel and a Staff Memo. Due to extraordinary circumstances, as defined in section 2-6-3(a) of this Code, the Board extended its time to respond to this request. After consideration and discussion of the issues presented, on September 21, 2017, the Board voted to decline to issue an Advisory Opinion pursuant to Section 2-6-104(b)(3) of the Ordinance.

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