



Bruce A. Harrell
Seattle City Councilmember

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Council President Richard Conlin
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Dear Council President Conlin:

I write you today to make it public record that I am recusing myself from the Children's Hospital MIMP vote. I have come to this conclusion because my wife Joanne Harrell sits on the University Of Washington Board Of Regents and an issue could be raised as to whether there is an appearance of a conflict of interest should I participate in this quasi-judicial review. Based on research from the City of Seattle Law Department and because of my strong adherence to the City's Code of Ethics, I do not want this connection to jeopardize any decision the Council may make on this issue. Therefore, I will recuse myself from voting on this issue. The remedies for non-compliance with this issue should I participate would be a reversal of the Council's action and I believe this would waste taxpayer money and be a waste of the time, energy and resources of our citizens.

Sincerely,

Bruce A. Harrell

Cc: Councilmember Sally Bagshaw
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