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David J. Apol, Acting Director
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Dear Mr. Apol:

In accordance with the provisions of Title I of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 as amended, I am forwarding the financial disclosure report of Nicola T. Hanna. President Trump has nominated Mr. Hanna to serve as United States Attorney for the Central District of California.

We have conducted a thorough review of the enclosed report and have counseled Mr. Hanna on the ethics rules. Although it is not possible to provide for all of the specific circumstances which might give rise to a financial conflict of interest because the work of United States Attorneys involves a wide variety of matters involving specific parties, and it is not possible to predict where conflicts will arise until specific parties are identified, we have counseled Mr. Hanna on the applicable conflict-of-interest laws and regulations and, in particular, on the application of 18 U.S.C. § 208.

As required by 18 U.S.C. § 208 and the provisions of 5 C.F.R. § 2635.401 *et seq.*, Mr. Hanna will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter in which he knows that he has a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the matter, or in which he knows that a person whose interests are imputed to him has a financial interest directly or predictably affected by the matter, unless he first obtains a written waiver, pursuant to Section 208(b)(1), or qualifies for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to Section 208(b)(2). Mr. Hanna understands that the interests of the following persons are imputed to him: his spouse; minor children; any general partner of a partnership in which he is a limited or general partner; any organization in which he serves as an officer, director, trustee, general partner or employee; and any person or organization with which he is negotiating or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment. In determining whether a particular matter has a direct and predictable effect on his financial interests or on those of any other person whose interests are imputed to him, Mr. Hanna will consult with the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA), General Counsel's Office, and will follow the procedures outlined in the United States Attorneys' Manual, Section 3-2.170 *et seq.* As stated in the attachment to this Ethics Agreement, Mr. Hanna understands and agrees to comply with the conflict of interest statute and regulations, and to follow the procedures set forth in this agreement.

Upon confirmation, Mr. Hanna will resign from his partnership position with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP. Pursuant to his partnership agreement, he will receive a fixed lump sum payment of his capital account within 90 days of separation. This payment will be calculated as of the date of his withdrawal. Mr. Hanna will also receive a final pro rata partnership share based on the value of his partnership interests for services performed in 2018 through the date of his withdrawal. This payment will be paid in January 2019. The partnership agreement also requires Mr. Hanna to leave his professional liability insurance reserve with the firm for three years after his resignation, after which he will receive a lump sum refund of the insurance reserve account. Until he has received all of these payments, he will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to his knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the ability or willingness of the firm to pay these earnings, unless he first obtains a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 208(b)(1). For a period of one year after his resignation, Mr. Hanna will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which he knows the firm is a party or represents a party, unless he is first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d). In addition, for a period of one year after his resignation, he will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which he knows a former client of his is a party or represents a party for a period of one year after he last provided service to that client, unless he is first authorized to participate pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

Mr. Hanna will divest his interests in the Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP Partners Investment Funds upon confirmation and prior to assuming the duties of his position as United States Attorney.

Upon confirmation, Mr. Hanna will resign from his trustee positions with the following entities: Family Revocable Trust #1; Family Member Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust; and the South Coast Repertory Theater. He will also resign from his position as manager of 925-933 Harbison, LLC. For a period of one year after his resignation from each of these entities, he will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which he knows that entity is a party or represent a party, unless he is first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d).

Mr. Hanna will retain his position as a co-trustee of Family Revocable Trust #2. He will not receive any fees for the services that he provides as a trustee during his appointment to the position of United States Attorney. He will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter that to his knowledge has a direct and predictable effect on the financial interests of the Revocable Family Trust #2, unless he first obtains a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualifies for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2).

If Mr. Hanna has a managed account or otherwise uses the services of an investment professional during his appointment, he will ensure that the account manager or investment professional obtains his prior approval on a case-by-case basis for the purchase of any assets other than cash, cash equivalents, investment funds that qualify for the exemption at 5 C.F.R. § 2640.201(a), or obligations of the United States.

Mr. Hanna has been advised that the duties of the position of United States Attorney may involve particular confidential matters identified by the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) that may affect his financial interests. EOUSA has determined that it is not necessary at this time for

Mr. Hanna to divest his financial interests because his recusal from particular matters in which these interests pose a conflict of interest will not substantially limit his ability to perform the essential duties of the position of United States Attorney. Immediately upon confirmation, EOUSA will prepare recusals for all particular matters in which Mr. Hanna will not be granted a waiver or will not qualify for a regulatory exemption.

The USAO has conducted a conflict review, and has found no additional conflicts of interest. Should additional conflicts arise, the USAO will seek the necessary waiver(s) or recusal(s) of the nominee immediately upon his confirmation. An appropriate screening mechanism will be identified and immediately upon appointment of the new United States Attorney, all necessary USAO personnel will be advised in writing of all matters in which the new United States Attorney may not participate. The notification will specifically list the matters and identify the Acting United States Attorney for those matters.

Mr. Hanna will meet in person with the United States Attorney's Office ethics advisor during the first week of his service in the position of United States Attorney for the Central District of California in order to complete the initial ethics briefing required under 5 C.F.R. § 2638.305. Within 90 days of his confirmation, he will document his compliance with this ethics agreement by notifying the Executive Office for United States Attorneys, General Counsel's Office, in writing when he has completed the steps described in this ethics agreement.

Mr. Hanna has been advised that this ethics agreement will be posted publicly, consistent with 5 U.S.C. § 552, on the website of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics with ethics agreements of other Presidential nominees who file public financial disclosure reports.

Finally, Mr. Hanna understands that as an appointee he will be required to sign the Ethics Pledge (Exec. Order No. 13770) and that he will be bound by the requirements and restrictions therein in addition to the commitments he has made in this ethics agreement.

Based on the above agreements and counseling, I am satisfied that the report presents no conflicts of interest under applicable laws and regulations and that you can so certify to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Sincerely,

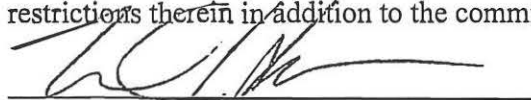


Lee J. Lofthus
Assistant Attorney General
For Administration and
Designated Agency Ethics Official

Enclosure

NOMINEE STATEMENT

I have read the attached Ethics Agreement signed by Lee J. Lofthus, Assistant Attorney General for Administration and Designated Agency Ethics Official on March 9, 2018, and I agree to comply with the conflict of interest statute and regulations, and to follow the procedures set forth in the agreement. In addition, I understand that as an appointee I will be required to sign the Ethics Pledge (Exec. Order No. 13770) and that I will be bound by the requirements and restrictions therein in addition to the commitments I have made in this ethics agreement.



Nicola T. Hanna

March 9, 2018

Date