

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Beloit will submit a written exception to the federal Conflict of Interest provisions under 24 CFR 570.611. The City is requesting an exception under 570.611(d) to consider awarding 2020 and future Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to the YWCA of Rock County. As part of the exception request, the City is required to publicly disclose the conflict of interest and submit to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) any comments received from the public regarding that conflict. The conflict of interest is described below, and a description of how Councilor Anderson will be withdrawn from the decision making process with respect to CDBG funding follows.

Clinton Anderson was elected to the Beloit City Council in April of 2017. The Beloit City Council annually approves the CDBG Funding Priorities, Annual Action Plan, and CDBG budget allocations. The City Council also approves the CDBG Consolidated Plan, Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) Plan, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI), any substantial amendments, and participates in workshops related to CDBG funding. This means Clinton Anderson, as a City Councilor is both in a position to participate in the decision making process with regard to CDBG, and as the Volunteer Coordinator of the YWCA, may also have a financial interest in a contract or agreement for CDBG awarded to the YWCA of Rock County. This constitutes a prohibited conflict as defined in 24 CFR 570.611(b).

Councilor Anderson will recuse himself from any City Council meetings, workshops, or discussions regarding the CDBG funding process and will leave the meeting room while discussions and decisions are being made related to CDBG items on the City Council Agenda. Councilor Anderson will have a representative other than himself conduct presentations or provide comments regarding CDBG funding for the YWCA of Rock County during public meetings.

For further information or to submit comments, contact Ashley Rosenbaum in the Community Development Department at (608)364-6738 or by email at rosenbauma@beloitwi.gov no later than 5:00PM on October 21, 2019.

Teri Downing, Director of Community and Housing Services

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