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Formal Opinion No.	Date Issued	Brief Description	Key Words
			Citations
2010-001	2/17/10	Advised a Councilmember that other people circulating nominating petitions on his behalf (for an office other than the one he currently holds) would not by itself constitute a declaration of candidacy, would not cause him to become a “candidate,” and would not require him to resign his City office.	RESIGN TO RUN; DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY; CANDIDATE; CIRCULATING NOMINATING PETITIONS; COUNCILMEMBER Charter §10-107(5)
2010-002 Non-public Advice	12/15/10	Advised a City Council employee that conflict of interest rules prohibit her from writing a letter, as constituent service, to a City board in support of the position of a party before that board, where a member of the firm that also employs the Council employee is representing another party in that same matter. A conflict of interest would exist regardless of whether the letter supported or opposed the firm’s position in the matter. An employee of a firm is a “member” of that firm for the purpose of the Code’s conflict of interest rules.	CONFLICT OF INTEREST; OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT; MEMBER OF FIRM; COUNCIL EMPLOYEE; CONSTITUENT SERVICE; STATE ETHICS ACT; DISQUALIFICATION LETTER Code §§ 20-602, 20-607; 65 Pa.C.S. §§1102, 1103(a)