

City Club of Portland Conflict of Interest Policy

One of the purposes of the City Club of Portland is "to inform its members and the community in public matters and to arouse in them an appreciation of the obligation of citizenship." In working toward that purpose, the Club should conduct all of its activities in a fair and impartial manner. The Club's integrity should not be compromised by having its name or reputation used to lend weight or authority to personal viewpoint. In particular, its study reports should be, and should appear to be, fair and objective. The Club therefore adopts the following conflict of interest policy.

1. "Conflict of Interest" means any actual or potential economic interest in the subject or results of the matter under discussion, or public identification with a particular point of view regarding the matter under discussion.
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 - (A) No Club member shall serve on any research committee if the member has a conflict of interest, or if the member, for other reasons, cannot be fair and objective with respect to the matter under study.
 - (B) Club members may serve on Standing Committees without regard to conflict of interest, but may not participate in the preparation of any report to be presented to the Club for action on matters with respect to which they have a conflict of interest.
 - (C) Club members may serve on the Research Board or Board of Governors without regard to conflict of interest. However, members of either Board should disclose any conflict of interest before participating in the review of any study charge or committee report regarding matters with respect to which they have a conflict of interest, and they should abstain from any vote at either Board level to approve or disapprove such a charge or report.
3. The President and the President-elect may not take a leadership role in a campaign for or against any election measure which is or will be the subject of a Club report and recommendation.
4. A copy of this policy should be sent to every person who is asked to serve on any City Club committee or board.

(Adopted, Board of Governors, 3/28/83; Reaffirmed, 10/19/87)