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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Deep Green
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Please see the attached draft minutes from the Board of Ethics meeting.

Sincerely,

Chris Swope Chris Swope Chris Swope

Chris Swope, MMC/MiPMC level 3 | pronouns: He/Him
Lansing City Clerk

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Pursuant to Sections 5-505.1(E), 5-505.3, and 3-205.2, I am requesting a board of ethics opinion under Charter Section 5-503.2 on whether council member Jeremy Garza has a conflict of interest on the subject of the Data Center proposed by Deep Green. According to the Lansing City Charter, council members with conflicts of interest cannot vote.

Mr. Garza received \$126,742 salary from the Michigan Pipe Trades Association, confirmed by the association's LM-2 annual report (FY2024, Schedule 12). His LinkedIn profile describes his role as "actively engages in shaping policies and legislation that benefit the plumbing & pipe-fitting industry and its workers." He is also Vice President of UA Plumbers and Pipe-fitters Local 333, whose PAC gave his campaign \$24,500. A \$126,742 salary for shaping policies that benefit the pipe trades, paid by the pipe trades, while voting on pipe trades projects as a council member, is a conflict of interest, in my opinion, and must be investigated.

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

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