



Harper's Choice Community Association

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Dear Messrs. Matthews and Swatek:

Thank you for attending the January 17, 2015 meeting of the Harper's Choice Village Board. At the meeting, you presented to the Board the findings of the Columbia Association's Board of Directors with regard to three ethics violations alleged against Alan Klein, the Columbia Council Representative from Harper's Choice. I apologize for the delay in getting back to you. Inclement weather disrupted both our February and March meetings.

While we appreciate your presenting these findings to the Board, we do not believe we may take any action with respect to them. It is unclear to us that this Board has authority under our Bylaws to take action against the Columbia Council representative. In addition, we believe it would be unreasonable and unwise for this Board to take any action based on an oral presentation of bare findings, without any description of the facts or of the analysis that led to those findings.

We believe that the Columbia Association Board of Directors has the authority and the facts to make its own decision with respect to the findings regarding its own director.

Very truly yours,

Robert T. Fontaine, Chair

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