

The University of Michigan Regents Communication

Request for Action

Subject: Regental Action Required Under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute

Action Requested: Authorization for the University to transact with Vander Detroit - Station 626, LLC (University of Michigan Employee, Elizabeth (Lisa) Sauve, owner)

Background:

The University of Michigan A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning seeks approval to transact with Vander Detroit - Station 626, LLC for event space.

The proposed transaction falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute, as Elizabeth (Lisa) Sauve is employed by the University as an Assistant Professor of Practice with A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, and would be a party to the transaction as owner of Vander Detroit - Station 626, LLC.

However, the Statute allows the university to enter into such transactions if the following conditions are met:

- 1) The public servant promptly discloses any pecuniary interest in the transaction to the official body which has power to approve the purchase, which disclosure shall be a matter of record in its official proceedings.
- 2) The purchase is approved by a vote of not less than 2/3 of the full membership of the approving body in open session without the vote of the public servant making the disclosure.
- 3) The official body discloses the following summary information in its official minutes:
 - a) The name of each party involved in the transaction.
 - b) The terms of the purchase, including duration, financial consideration between the parties, facilities or services of the public entity included in the purchase, and the nature and degree of assignment of employees of the public entity for fulfillment of the purchase.
 - c) The nature of any pecuniary interest.

The following information is provided in compliance with the statutory requirements contained in Section (3) above:

- a) The parties to the transaction are the Regents of the University of Michigan, its A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning, and Vander Detroit - Station 626, LLC.
- b) The transaction is for event space for one day at a total cost not to exceed \$1,800. Vander Detroit - Station 626, LLC will supply the necessary resources and personnel to fulfill this transaction. The remaining terms and conditions are typical to those used in Procurement Services standard templates for other similar transactions entered into by the Regents.
- c) The pecuniary interest arises from the fact that University of Michigan employee, Elizabeth (Lisa) Sauve, is the owner of Vander Detroit - Station 626, LLC.

Elizabeth (Lisa) Sauve has met state law requirements with the disclosure of her pecuniary interest and formal appointment arrangements with the University of Michigan. Requirements, if any, that may be applicable by the supervisor of Elizabeth (Lisa) Sauve under the A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning's or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee's procedures are separately analyzed and managed.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the transaction between the University of Michigan and Vander Detroit - Station 626, LLC, subject to requirements, if any, that the supervisor of Elizabeth (Lisa) Sauve or the A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning or OVPR's Conflict of Interest Committee may impose.

Respectfully submitted,



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and Chief Financial Officer

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