


**DISCLOSURE OF APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 23(b)(3)**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION	
Name of public employee:	Joseph M. Petty
Title or Position:	Mayor of Worcester
Agency/Department:	Mayor of Worcester
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	<p>In my capacity as a state, county or municipal employee, I am expected to take certain actions in the performance of my official duties. Under the circumstances, a reasonable person could conclude that a person or organization could unduly enjoy my favor or improperly influence me when I perform my official duties, or that I am likely to act or fail to act as a result of kinship, rank, position or undue influence of a party or person.</p> <p>I am filing this disclosure to disclose the facts about this relationship or affiliation and to dispel the appearance of a conflict of interest.</p>
APPEARANCE OF FAVORITISM OR INFLUENCE	
Describe the issue that is coming before you for action or decision.	Jonathan Finkelstein Esq. has business before the city council, of which I am the chairman, regarding the exclusion of a piece of property (at 126 Chandler Street) from the Commercial Corridors Overlay District, which his client Gilberto Ledesma recently purchased.
What responsibility do you have for taking action or making a decision?	I am required to vote in favor or against this variance, whether or not to allow Mr. Finkelstein's client to conduct business at 126 Chandler Street, which is currently forbidden by its inclusion in the CCOD.
Explain your relationship or affiliation to the person or organization.	<p>My relationship with Mr. Finkelstein has been strictly professional and we rarely associate outside of city business. I have known Mr. Finkelstein for as many years as I have been on the City Council and he has represented many clients before various committees as well as the City Council.</p> <p>Mr. Finkelstein has been listed as a sponsor for an upcoming campaign event for the Committee to Reelect Joe Petty.</p>
How do your official actions or decision matter to the person or organization?	My vote on this matter is one of 11 that will allow or disallow his client to operate his business at a new location, in spite of current zoning ordinances.

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Optional: Additional facts – e.g., why there is a low risk of undue favoritism or improper influence.	
If you cannot confirm this statement, you should recuse yourself.	WRITE AN X TO CONFIRM THE STATEMENT BELOW. _X_ Taking into account the facts that I have disclosed above, I feel that I can perform my official duties objectively and fairly.
Employee signature:	
Date:	3/28/16

Attach additional pages if necessary.

Not elected to your public position – file with your appointing authority.

Elected state or county employees – file with the State Ethics Commission.

Members of the General Court – file with the House or Senate clerk or the State Ethics Commission.

Elected municipal employee – file with the City Clerk or Town Clerk.

Elected regional school committee member – file with the clerk or secretary of the committee.