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To JPAC

My comment is a general, but important one, I think. While the study of the problem evidenced by "parties" vs "Council" may be at the heart of the continued misunderstanding of whether the Council is made up of the three separate parties which necessarily have three separate views and political courses, or represents one unified interest, the use of the term "conflict of interest" is unfortunate, since it suggests wrong doing and thus engenders defensiveness.

I would suggest scrubbing the document to substitute a term like "leadership and administrative confusion" for "conflict of interest" and then submitting it to Council for discussion with them in a structured conversation at the next annual meeting.

If agreement can be reached as to the problem, then perhaps JPAC can work with the Council in framing a guidance document for the Council and the public to avoid any suggestion of alteration of the Agreement, which might be extremely harmful and controversial.