

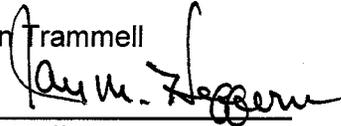


**Request for City Council Committee Action  
From the City Attorney's Office**

**Date:** November 28, 2007  
**To:** Ways & Means/Budget Committee  
**Subject:** Ethics Officer Report pursuant to Minneapolis City Ordinance § 15.240(b)

**Recommendation:** That the City Council receive and file this report

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**Presenter in Committee:** Susan L. Trammell, Assistant City Attorney and Ethics Officer

**Background/Supporting Information**

Minneapolis Code of Ethics, Section 15.240(b) requires that the Ethical Practices Board report to the Ways and Means/Budget Committee findings resulting from the investigation of an elected official.

The Ethics Officer received a complaint alleging Council Member Gary Schiff violated the Minneapolis Ethics Code. After preliminary investigation by the Ethics Officer, the Ethical Practices Board made a finding that probable cause to believe a violation of the Ethics Code occurred was not demonstrated and the complaint was dismissed. The matter is now concluded as there is no right of appeal. Pursuant to Minnesota Government Data Practices Act and Ethical Practices Board By-laws § 7.4, other information regarding the complaint is private data.