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CAC Facilitates Ethics Training for Winfield Township Board

Building the Capacity of Public Officials

CAC Community Lawyer Jackson Paller offered to conduct a free training for the Winfield Township Board on Ethics after reviewing a newsletter sent from the Township to constituents before an election. The Winfield Township Board welcomed the offer, and CAC spoke at the February 13th, 2023, Board Meeting.



The Illinois State Employees and Ethics Act requires local units of government to adopt, at a minimum, provisions on gift bans and prohibited political activity for local government officials and employees. **The CAC's training focused on what prohibited political activity is, how local public officials and employees can ensure compliance, and suggested best practices.** Some specific areas CAC covered included:

- Reviewing what **activity is "political" in nature.**
- Reviewing the definition of **"compensated time."**
- Reviewing what are **"government resources."**
- Discussing the **First Amendment rights of public officials & the ethics ordinances.**
- Outlining the difference between **information vs. advocacy.**
- Adhering to **best practices**, such as **clearly posting on websites how to file an ethics complaint** and what the process is regarding the complaint once it is filed.
- Working through **real-world examples.**

Does your local government entity need a refresher on Ethics Training?

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