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**Subject:** Recusal from OLCC audit

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Colleagues,

After a discussion with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission, I will recuse myself from all further work on the OLCC audit. I will soon be consulting for a company involved in the cannabis industry in multiple states. I am diligently following all of the [OGEC guidelines for private employment by public officials](#) and the statutory rules in [ORS 244.120](#). I do not believe a real conflict exists because any action required would be taken by the legislature or OLCC and any benefit could flow to all cannabis companies in Oregon, not this specific company. However, because my mission is to build trust with Oregonians, I am imposing the most restrictive limitation on myself to not only avoid potential or actual conflicts but also to any appearance of a conflict.

All OLCC audit work, approvals and follow ups will be overseen by Deputy Myers. She has full authority to issue the OLCC audit. When we go before JLAC next week, I will publicly announce my recusal and the conflict in accordance with [ORS 244.120](#).

Thank you all of your integrity.

## **Shemia Fagan, Oregon Secretary of State**

*Pronunciation: **shuh-MEE-uh** (rhymes with “Maria”) **FAY-gen** rhymes with “Megan”)*

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