## LOBBYIST FILING AGREEMENT

This Agreement, made this 29th day of April, 2020, by and between Therese M. Hessler, lobbyist for Opportunity Solutions Project, and the Prince George's County Council, and William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel to the Maryland State Ethics Commission (hereinafter "Staff Counsel").

# RECITALS

The State Ethics Commission ("the Commission") is the executive agency of the State of Maryland established by Chapter 513, Acts of 1979 for the purpose of enforcing the Maryland Public Ethics Law (General Provisions Article, Title 5, Annotated Code of Maryland, hereinafter the "Ethics Law") including the provisions of Subtitle 7, the lobbying disclosure program.

Therese M. Hessler ("the filer"), is an individual whose lobbying activities on behalf of Opportunity Solutions Project for the period of January 17, 2020 to October 31, 2020, and the Prince George's County Council ("the employers") for the period of December 9, 2019 to October 31, 2020, required her to register as a lobbyist with the Commission.

The filer did not timely register as required by the Md. Code Ann., Gen'l Prov. Art., § 5-704(d)(1)(Supp. 2019).

The filer subsequently registered on April 14, 2020, on behalf of the employers.

The filer is entering voluntarily into this Agreement to admit her failure to timely file lobbyist registrations with the Commission and to pay a sum of money in lieu of potential late filing fees and other fines pursuant to § 5-405 of the Ethics Law.

**NOW THEREFORE,** in consideration of the submission of the required lobbyist registration forms by the filer on April 14, 2020, and the admissions and agreements herein contained, the filer and Staff Counsel stipulate and agree as follows:

- 1. The filer did not timely file her lobbyist registration forms on behalf of the employers for the period of January 17, 2020 to October 31, 2020 and December 9, 2019 to October 31, 2020, as required by § 5-704(d)(1) of the Ethics Law.
- 2. The filer filed her registration forms (copies of which have been attached hereto and made a part thereof) on April 14, 2020, and reported her delinquency the following day.
- 3. The filer understands that failure to comply with the lobbying disclosure provisions of the Ethics Law may subject her to a formal complaint by the Commission and, upon finding of a violation, late fees and the possibility of civil fines.

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- 4. Based on the facts stated in this Agreement, the filer agrees to pay as settlement of the late filing matter, the amount of TWO HUNDRED and no/100 DOLLARS (\$200.00) at the time of the execution of this Agreement in lieu of a potential late fees and in lieu of civil fines for the above admitted late registration statements (Paragraph 1).
- 5. The Staff Counsel will, upon execution of this Agreement by the filer, recommend that the Commission not institute any proceedings on her failure to timely register. The filer understands that the Commission is under no obligation to accept this Agreement and may decide to take other action, including issuing a complaint.
- 6. The filer waives a formal hearing on this matter (if the Agreement is accepted by the Commission) to which she would be entitled if a complaint were issued, and she understands that this Agreement and materials relating to this matter are not subject to the confidentiality provisions of the Ethics Law, and will be public information unless otherwise protected.
- 7. The filer and the Staff Counsel have entered into this Agreement for the sole purpose of resolving the late submission of lobbyist registration statements and for the payment of late fees and other fines and for no other purpose.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, Therese M. Hessler, lobbyist, and William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel to the State Ethics Commission, have hereunto set their hands.

William J. Colquhoun, Staff Counsel State Ethics Commission 45 Calvert Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Annapolis, MD 21401 (410) 260-7770 Therese M. Hessler
Lobbyist for
Opportunity Solutions Project, and the
Prince George's County Council

Accepted by the Commission

Janet E. McHugh, Chair for the Commission

Date: August 20, 2020

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## **Registrant Information**

#### Individual Registrant

Name of Registrant: Therese Marie Hessler Business Phone: 301-503-2576

Organization: Ashlar Government Relations Cell Phone: 301-503-2576

Address: 111 Cathedral Street Suite 202, ANNAPOLIS, MD, 21401

1. Are there any other individuals who are required to register on behalf of the registrant: Therese Marie Hessler?

Note: These individuals will still be required to submit their own registrations.

No

2. Are you in compliance with the mandatory training requirements of the Public Ethics Law? Yes, I certify that I am current in my training status.

Date of most recent training:

01/12/20

## **Employer Information**

1. Identify the employer that compensates the registrant for lobbying activities under this registration.

#### **Employer of Registrant**

Organization: Prince George's County Council

Website: https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov

Nature of Business: County Government

Phone: 301-952-3794

Address: 14741 Gov Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD, 20774

2. Does your employer claim an exemption from filing its own registration and activity reports?

Yes

3. Is the employer organized for the primary purpose of attempting to influence any legislation or executive action?

No

4. In the course of representing this employer, will you also be representing other entities from which you will not be receiving compensation and are not required to register on their behalf?

No

## Lobbying Period Purpose

1. Within a lobbying year, state the period for which this registration is effective. Include both a start and an end date.

Registration Period:

Custom Dates: 12/09/2019 - 10/31/2020

2. What type of lobbying registration are you seeking?

Legislative Action, Executive Action

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3. Identify the subject matters on which the registrant expects to act, or employ someone to act during the registration period. You must identify at least one subject matter and you may select up to five.

| # | Subject Matter                      | Description |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Economic and Community Development  | •           |
| 2 | Capital Budget                      |             |
| 3 | BI-County Agencies                  |             |
| 4 | Business Regulation and Occupations |             |
| 5 | Energy                              |             |

#### Authorization to Lobby

The registrant is authorized to act on behalf of the employer identified above, for the period specified and as to the matters selected herein unless this authority is terminated sooner. This authorization has been granted by the representative disclosed below.

Name of Authorizer: Todd M. Turner Title: Cha

Email: therese@ashlargr.com Phone: 301-952-3700

Address; 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive 2nd Floor, Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772

## **Affirmation Provision**

I hereby make oath or affirm under the penalties of perjury that I am authorized to engage in lobbying activity on behalf of the employer: Prince George's County Council, for the period specified and as to the matters selected herein, unless this authority is terminated sooner. This authorization has been granted to me by the representative: Todd M. Turner. I acknowledge that my electronic signature subjects me to the penalties of perjury to the same extent as an oath or affirmation made before an individual authorized to administer oaths, and swear that the contents of this registration are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E-signature: Therese Marie Hessler 04/14/20



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#### **Registrant Information**

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Date of most recent training: **01/12/20** 

#### **Employer Information**

1. Identify the employer that compensates the registrant for lobbying activities under this registration.

### **Employer of Registrant**

Organization: Opportunity Solutions Project

Website:

https://solutionsproject.org/

Nature of Business: Opportunity Solutions Project is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization that seeks to improve lives by advocating for public policies based on the principles of free enterprise, individual liberty, and a limited, accountable government.

Phone: 850-792-4704

Address: 75 N. Woodward Avenue #80038, Tallahassee, FL, 32313

- Does your employer claim an exemption from filing its own registration and activity reports?
  Yes
- 3. Is the employer organized for the primary purpose of attempting to influence any legislation or executive action?
- 4. In the course of representing this employer, will you also be representing other entities from which you will not be receiving compensation and are not required to register on their behalf?

  No

## Lobbying Period Purpose

1. Within a lobbying year, state the period for which this registration is effective. Include both a start and an end date.

Registration Period:

Custom Dates: 01/17/2020 - 10/31/2020

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2. What type of lobbying registration are you seeking? Legislative Action, Executive Action

3. Identify the subject matters on which the registrant expects to act, or employ someone to act during the registration period. You must identify at least one subject matter and you may select up to five.

| 7 | # | Subject Matter                                | Description |
|---|---|---|-------------|
|   | 1 | Health Care Facilities and Regulation         |             |
| ; | 2 | State Government - Regulations and Procedures |             |
|   | 3 | Social Services - Generally                   |             |
|   | 4 | Insurance - Health                            |             |
| ļ | 5 | Capital Budget                                |             |

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Name of Authorizer: Jonathan Bechtle Title: Treasurer/Secretary

Email: therese@ashlargr.com Phone: 850-792-4704

Address: 75 N Woodward Street #800838, Tallahassee, FL, 32313

## **Affirmation Provision**

I hereby make oath or affirm under the penalties of perjury that I am authorized to engage in lobbying activity on behalf of the employer: Opportunity Solutions Project, for the period specified and as to the matters selected herein, unless this authority is terminated sooner. This authorization has been granted to me by the representative: Jonathan Bechtle, I acknowledge that my electronic signature subjects me to the penalties of perjury to the same extent as an oath or affirmation made before an individual authorized to administer oaths, and swear that the contents of this registration are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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