

Sec. 2-283. - Purpose of office.

The purpose of the Office of Independent Inspector General is to detect, deter and prevent corruption, fraud, waste, mismanagement, unlawful political discrimination or misconduct in the operation of County government. For purposes of this Section, "unlawful political discrimination" shall be defined as follows: conduct affecting a nonexempt employee's hiring, firing or terms and conditions of employment based on political reasons and factors. Such political reasons and factors include the following:

- (a) Recommendations for hiring, promotion or other employment terms for specific persons from public officeholders or political party officials that are not based on personal knowledge of the person's work skills, work experience or other job-related qualifications.
- (b) The fact that the person worked in a political campaign or belongs to a political organization or political party, or the fact that the person chose not to work in a political campaign or to belong to a political organization or a political party. The mere fact that a person worked for a political campaign for elective office does not prohibit consideration of a recommendation related to that person insofar as the basis for that recommendation relates to the person's relevant work experience.
- (c) The fact that the person contributed money, raised money or provided something else of value to a candidate for public office or a political organization, or the fact that the person chose not to contribute or raise money for a candidate for public office or a political organization.
- (d) The fact that the person is a Democrat or a Republican or a member of any other political party or group, or the fact that the applicant is not a member.
- (e) The fact that the person expressed views or beliefs on political matters such as which candidates or elected officials he or she favored or opposed, which public policy issue he or she favored or opposed, or which views on government actions or failures to act he or she expressed.

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