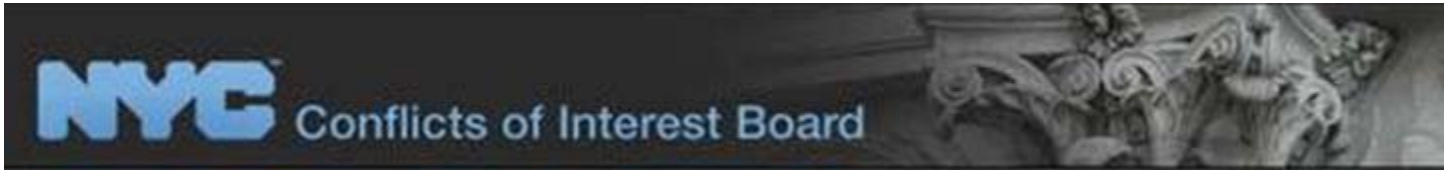


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The New York City Conflicts of Interest Board today issues its revised Advisory Opinion No. 2017-1 to answer a question that has arisen since the issuance of Advisory Opinion No. 2017-1. Specifically, the Board clarifies that Chapter 68 of the New York City Charter, the City's conflicts of interest law, does not, by itself, prohibit an elected official from speaking as an elected official on his or her personal social media account. See Advisory Opinion No. 2017-1 (Revised) at 6-7.

Attached are the revised Opinion and its Summary.

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