

## Retailer Management

### 1.1.020 Conflict of Interest

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**POLICY:** Any member of a governing council who makes decisions regarding the local agency (LA), who is also an authorized WIC retailer or is interested in becoming an authorized WIC retailer, shall not vote on any WIC retailer-related issue.

The LA shall inform the state agency (SA) retailer manager which store(s) in their service area are owned or co-owned by a member of their own governing council.

#### PROCEDURES:

- A. Voting on any WIC retailer-related issues may not be done by any member of a LA board of trustees, county court commission, or city council, if that individual is either of the following:
  1. Authorized WIC retailer.
  2. Interested in becoming an authorized WIC retailer.
- B. Failure of a LA to provide information to the SA regarding a governing council member, who is interested in becoming an authorized WIC retailer or is the owner or co-owner of an authorized WIC retailer, will result in sanctions as deemed appropriate by the SA.
- C. The SA will terminate the WIC Retailer Agreement if the SA identifies a conflict of interest, as defined by applicable state laws, regulations, and policies, between the authorized WIC retailer and the LA.