**Statement of Facts- Elizabeth “Betsy” Gardner**

From at least 2014 through present, Elizabeth “Betsy” Gardner worked as a community liaison for the President of the Baltimore City Council, a position that made her a public official. In her capacity as community liaison, Ms. Garner developed a relationship with different constituent groups in order to best provide constituent services. Ms. Gardner would work with different individuals and organizations throughout the city and connect those organizations with city services. She would also attend meetings for these organizations and report issues or concerns to her superiors at City Hall if required.

One of the organizations Ms. Gardner was assigned to work with in her capacity as a community liaison was the Mt. Washington Merchant’s Association. Ms. Gardner does not own a business in Mt. Washington and engaged with this organization in her professional capacity. Over time, Ms. Gardner was retained by the organization for the purpose of event planning and received other gifts/payments from the organization.

Every year, Ms. Gardner was required to fill out financial disclosures with the City of Baltimore. In April of 2017 despite her bank records showing that she received $7200 dollars from the Mt. Washington Merchant’s Association over the time of the reporting period, Ms. Gardner did not report any income from the organization. Ms. Gardner was required to report this income through SCHEDULE 7: OTHER SOURCES OF EARNED INCOME, which requires disclosure of the individual was a compensated employee of someone other than the City, an owner (sole or partial) of a business entity; or a recipient of earned income from a business entity. Ms. Gardner signed this form without disclosing her financial relationship with Mt. Washington Merchant’s Association under the penalty of perjury.

From 2014 until 2017 Ms. Gardner received approximately $15,000 dollars from Mt. Washington Merchant’s Association that she failed to disclose under the penalty of perjury on any of her financial disclosure forms as required by Baltimore City.

If called to testify, the prior president of the Mt. Washington Merchant’s Association Greg Armstrong would authenticate the payments from the Mt. Washington Merchant’s Association and confirm that Ms. Gardner was the recipient of those payments. All events occurred in Baltimore City, Maryland.