

# **CAPITALIZE ALBANY CORPORATION**

## **CODE OF ETHICS**

This Code of Ethics shall apply to all Directors and employees of the Capitalize Albany Corporation (CAC). These policies shall serve as a guide for official conduct and are intended to enhance the ethical and professional performance of CAC's Directors and employees and to preserve confidence in the CAC's mission.

### **Responsibility of Directors and Employees**

- a. No Director or employee of CAC should accept other employment which will impair his/her independence of judgment in the exercise of his/her official duties. If such a condition exists, then such Director or employee should disclose such other employment to the Corporation and recuse himself/herself from participation in decision-making/voting related to the relevant matter.
- b. No Director or employee of CAC should accept employment or engage in any business or professional activity which will require him/her to disclose confidential CAC information which he/she has gained by reason of his/her CAC position or authority.
- c. Directors and employees shall manage all matters within the scope of the CAC's mission independent of any other affiliations or employment. Directors and employees employed by more than one entity shall strive to fulfill their professional responsibility to the CAC without bias and shall support the CAC's mission to the fullest.
- c. No Director or employee of CAC should disclose confidential CAC information acquired by him/her in the course of his/her CAC duties nor use such information to further his/her personal interests.
- d. No Director or employee of CAC should use or attempt to use his/her or her official position to secure unwarranted privileges or exemptions for himself/herself or others, including but not limited to, the misappropriation to himself/herself or to others of CAC property, services or other resources for non-CAC purposes.
- e. No Director or employee of CAC should engage in any transaction as representative or agent of CAC with any business entity in which he/she has a direct or indirect financial interest that might reasonably tend to conflict with the proper discharge of his/her CAC duties. If such a condition exists, then such Director or employee should disclose that he/she possesses an interest that may present a conflict with his/her CAC duties and recuse himself/herself from participation in decision-making/voting related to the relevant matter.
- f. An Director or employee of CAC should not by his/her conduct give reasonable basis for the impression that any person can improperly influence him/her or unduly enjoy his/her favor in the performance of his/her official duties, or that he/she is affected by the kinship, rank, position or influence of any party or person. Directors and employees shall not accept or receive any gift or

gratuities where the circumstances would permit the inference that: (a) the gift is intended to influence the individual in the performance of CAC business or (b) the gift constitutes a tip, reward, or sign of appreciation for any official CAC act by the individual.

g. An Director or employee of CAC should abstain from making personal investments in enterprises which he/she has reason to believe may be directly involved in decisions to be made by him/her or which will otherwise create substantial conflict between his/her CAC duty and his/her private interest. Similar to (a) above, if such a condition exists, then such Director or employee should disclose that he/she possesses an interest that may present a conflict with his/her CAC duties and recuse himself/herself from participation in decision-making/voting related to the relevant matter.

h. An Director or employee of CAC should endeavor to pursue a course of conduct which will not raise suspicion among the public that he/she is likely to be engaged in acts that are in violation of his/her CAC duties and responsibilities.

### **Implementation of Code of Ethics**

This Code of Ethics shall be provided to all Directors and employees upon commencement of employment or appointment and shall be reviewed annually by the Governance Committee. The Board may designate an Ethics Director, who shall report to the Board and shall have the following duties:

- Provide counsel (in confidence or otherwise as requested) to CAC Directors and employees who seek advice about ethical behavior;
- Receive and investigate complaints about possible ethics violations;
- Dismiss complaints found to be without substance;
- Prepare an investigative report of findings for the President or designee or the Board;
- Record the receipt of gifts or gratuities of any kind received by a Director or employee (recipients of such gifts shall notify the Ethics Director within 48 hours of receipt of such gifts/gratuities)

### **Penalties**

In addition to any penalty contained in any other provision of law, a CAC Director or employee who knowingly and intentionally violates the provisions of this code may be removed in the manner provided for in law, rules or regulations.

### **Reporting Unethical Behavior**

Directors and employees are required to report possible unethical behavior by a Director or employee of the CAC to the Ethics Director. Directors and employees may file ethics complaints anonymously and are protected from retaliation by the policies adopted by the CAC.