**From:** Ron Whalen
**To:** Garza, Deena (SAO)
**Subject:** Re: San Juan County Landbank - Real Estate Commission
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 8:03:40 AM
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Morning Deena,

Wondering how the determinations are going and of any findings. Ron

On 8/1/2023 5:53 PM, Garza, Deena (SAO) wrote:

> Hey Ron,
> We're currently still performing on site work with the County and haven't made any level of reporting determinations yet.
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> I'll ensure we're circling back to you once we have those determination conversations.
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> **From:** Ron Whalen <whaleeoni@gmail.com>
> **Sent:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 5:02:31 PM
> **To:** Garza, Deena (SAO) <garzad@sao.wa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: San Juan County Landbank - Real Estate Commission
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> Curious how the annual audit of San Juan County went and if the issues I presented equated any findings.....Ron
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> On 7/13/2023 12:40 PM, Garza, Deena (SAO) wrote:
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> > Hey Ron,
> > Thanks again for coming in last week and providing details of your concern to us.
> >
> > During that meeting, we talked about your concern regarding the potential misrepresentation of a competing offer to the County Council, and specifically the possibility of our Office passing on the concern to the Real Estate Commission.

I was able to discuss this further with my Assistant Director of Local Audit and determined that it would not be appropriate for us to pass on such a concern to them.

In our discussion here at the office, you mentioned that if we couldn't/wouldn't that you would likely submit the concern to them yourself and at this time we would encourage you to do so.

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