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| **Subject:** | RE: San Juan County Landbank - Real Estate Commission |
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Unfortunately no. She and I discussed in detail the role of SAO. In my meeting with you I mentioned this as a possible answer in the fact that it's not a role I've ever seen SAO take. It's not within our scope of authority under the state constitution or the RCW establishing us.


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**From:** Ron Whalen <whaleeoni@gmail.com>
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External Email

Hi Deena,

I appreciate your quick reply on the question of the State auditors office requesting the Real Estate commission for an audit. I saw that request as relevant to the issues I submitted for the San Juan county audit and view any findings of the RE commission audit as relevant to the other issues of misrepresentation I noted. Is there any avenue for me to present my position with the local Assistant Director of the local audit? Ron

On 7/13/2023 12:40 PM, Garza, Deena (SAO) wrote:

> 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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