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**2 Years ago, we reported a potential conflict of interest between Health Director Dr. Mitchell Katz and a contractor – Health Management Associates (HMA).**

**In 2005 - 2006, HMA received a \$250,000 contract to assess and help the Health Department.**

**2 years later, Dr. Katz was on HMA's payroll as a PAID consultant receiving over \$10,000 a year from HMA.**

**In 2009, the Health Department approved and funded a NEW contract with HMA for \$65,000 - later boosted to \$103,000.**

**Dr. Katz recommended, approved and oversaw HMA's contract.**

**At the same time, HMA paid Dr. Katz \$10,000 to do consulting work for HMA.**

**HMA was paid \$103,000 by the Health Department while Health Department Director Katz was paid \$30,000 by HMA.**

**With this kind of arrangement, the City loses the ability to objectively evaluate the contract and services.**

**No Department Head should be a paid consultant for a City Contractor who provides services for their department.**

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