

Local Government Ethics

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“We are what we
repeatedly do.” Aristotle

When dealing with people, remember
you are not dealing with creatures of
logic, but with creatures of emotions,
creatures bristled with prejudice and
motivated by pride and vanity.” Dale
Carnegie

“He is most free from danger,
who, even when safe, is on his
guard.”

Publiti^us Syrus

The ultimate measure of a person is not where they stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where they stand at times of challenge and controversy.”

Martin Luther King

“Nearly all people can stand adversity, but if you want to test one’s character, give them power.”

Abe Lincoln

Six Pillars of Character

(Berman & West, 2006)

- ◆ Trustworthiness
- ◆ Respect
- ◆ Responsibility
- ◆ Fairness
- ◆ Caring
- ◆ Citizenship

Moral Compassing

(Berman & West, 2006)

- reference: Berman, Evan & West, Jonathan P. (2006). The Ethics Edge (2nd edition). ICMA Press. Washington, DC.

Establishing an Ethical Culture

- Clear Mission Statement and Strategies
- Ethic Policy
 - State and Federal Compliant
 - Jurisdiction Specific Components:
(Applicable, Interpretable,
Enforceable)

Establishing an ethical Culture (continued)

- ◆ Include Investigation Procedure
- ◆ Mandatory Training for Elected Officials and Employees
- ◆ Re-Enforce Training and Policy
- ◆ Consistent Enforcement/Application

“The best you can do, is
the least you can do.”

Anonymous

Questions/Comments