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Mr. Francis A. Gana 528 North East Avenue Vineland, New Jersey 08360

> The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act, Chapter 83, Laws of 1973 as Amended and Supplemented ("the Act") Your Letter Dated July 12, 1976

Opinion No. 0-22-76

Dear Mr. Gana:

Your letter dated July 12, 1976, to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"), including a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded to me for reply.

On the facts set forth in your letter, there would be no obligation on the part of your group to file reports with respect to the proposed testimonial cocktail party, since Mayor Fiorilli is not running for any elective office this calendar year and the funds are not to be used to satisfy political debts or obligations from prior campaign.

Use at some future time of proceeds of such a testimonial dinner for campaign purposes might require reporting under the Act, and no opinion is expressed with respect to that question, or with respect to the applicability of any law, other than the Act, to the facts set forth in your letter.

Yours very truly,

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