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Mr. Enrico DiGiulio Borough of Paramus Jockish Square Paramas, New Jersey

> The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act, Chapter 83, Laws of 1973 as Amended and Supplemented ("the Act") Your Letter Dated November 1, 1976 Opinion #(0-45-76)

Dear Mr. DiGiulio:

Your letter dated November 1, 1976 to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission), including a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded to me for reply. We regret that the press of other Commission business has caused a delay in our response to your letter. Under the Act, you are protected by virtue of your request until a receipt of this opinion.

The Commission has previously promulgated an opinion with respect to the question raised in your letter of November 1, 1976, and a copy of that opinion of the Commission (0-28-75) is enclosed herewith for your information.

Based on the facts set forth in your letter and assuming that you were a candidate for public office in the general election in November, the Commission would not be able to express an opinion that the letter sent by you one week prior to the election in the circumstances you described was not political, or need not be reported.

The Commission expresses no opinion with respect to whether the use of Borough stationery, postage, or time of borough employees, might constitute an improper contribution or might constitute improper use of public funds.

Yours very truly,

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