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Re: The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act, Chapter 83, Laws of 1973 as Amended and Supplemented ("the Act") Opinion #(0-11-78)

Dear Mr. Tomasin:

Your letter dated February 23, 1978, to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission), including a request for advisory opinion, has been forwarded to me for reply.

In N.J.S.A. 19:44A-2, it was declared to be the policy of the Act "to require the reporting of all contributions received and expenditures made to aid or promote the nomination, election or defeat of any candidate for public office . . ". Section 16 of the Act requires the filing of postelection reports by campaign treasurers as follows:

" . . . After the election he [the campaign treasurer] shall file his report on the fifteenth day following such election. Concurrent with the report filed on the fifteenth day following an election, or at any time thereafter, the campaign treasurer of a . . . political committee . . . may certify to the Election Law Enforcement Commission that the campaign fund of such . . . political committee . . . having been instituted for the purposes of the late election, has wound up its business and been dissolved or, in the case of a political committee . . . which continues its activities beyond the election, that its business regarding the late election has been wound up; and such certification shall be accompanied by a final accounting of such campaign fund or of the

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transactions relating to such election, including the final disposition of any balance remaining in such fund at the time of the dissolution or the arrangements which have been made for the discharge of any obligations remaining unpaid at the time of the dissolution. Until such certification has been filed, each such treasurer shall continue to file, at the conclusion of each sixty day interval from the fifteenth day following such election, reports in the form and manner herein prescribed."

If, as indicated in your letter, the business of the Committee to Re-elect Assemblyman Chris Jackman regarding the November election has been wound up, the committee's treasurer may file a certification to that effect with the Commission, along with a final accounting of the transactions relating to such election.

Very truly yours,

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