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COMMISSION

The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act, Chapter 83, Laws of 1973 as Amended and Supplemented ("the Act") Your letter dated March 30, 1981 Opinion #0-09-81

Dear Ms. Cleeland:

Your letter dated March 30, 1981 to the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("the Commission"), including a request for advisory opinion has been forwarded to me for reply.

The response of the Commission is as follows:

- Campaign Stationery with logo -- Permissible use (a) of public funds
- (ъ) Photographs, film and development -- Permissible use of public funds
- (c) Campaign flyers -- Permissible use of public funds
- (d) Potholders with campaign logo -- Not a permissible use of public funds. It is the view of the Commission that devices of that kind do not constitute "campaign literature and brochures" within the meaning of the applicable provision of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-35.
- (e) Various postage permits, i.e. bulk rate, business reply -- Permissible use of public funds, to the extent that the expenditures are for the cost of mailing campaign literature and brochures.

- Newspapers advertisements -- Permissible use of (f) public funde
- Rental of Pitney Bowes postage machine -- Permissible use of public funds to the extent that the expenditures are for the cost of mailing campaign literature and brochures.
- (h) Xerox machine -- Permissible use of public funds, to the extent that the expenditures are for the production of or cost of mailing of campaign literature and brochures.
- Telecopier for electronic transmission of (i) documents -- It is not entirely clear how telecopier equipment would normally be used for the transmission of a campaign message to voters, as opposed to internal operations of the campaign. Accordingly, the view of the Commission is that that expenditure would not be an appropriate expenditure of public funds, unless it could be shown to be related to the preparation or distribution of campaign literature.

I am also enclosing a copy of Commission Opinion #0-06-81.

Yours very truly,

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Enclosure Opinion #0-06-81