

Memorandum

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From : **FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION**
Carla Wardlow

Subject: Question from Senator Roberti

QUESTION

Senators Roberti and Carpenter at one time jointly controlled a legislative caucus committee. Control of the committee was later turned over to Senator Carpenter exclusively. Ultimately, Senator Roberti was asked to simply sign off on all checks of the committee of \$1,000 or more. Senator Roberti has no involvement in making decisions about who receives contributions. The reason he signs the checks is to keep him informed of the contributions that are being made. He has no discretion with regard to whether to sign a check, but routinely signs them all. Should Senator Roberti be listed on the Statement of Organization as a controlling candidate?

ANSWER

Per Barbara, signature on committee checks alone would not constitute control unless Senator Roberti has some other significant influence on the committee's activities. (This advice might be different if no other candidate were listed as controlling the committee.)