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Sandra Taylor  
Fair Political Practices Commission  
428 J Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Taylor:

This letter is to confirm advice I received on the telephone regarding a question of whether or not a transfer occurred in a situation I discussed with you and will recap. I would appreciate a written opinion which I can rely upon in this matter.

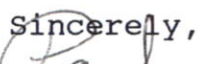
I am a City Councilman in West Hollywood, and I allowed my stationery, paid for by my campaign committee, to be used in soliciting funds for another candidate (a non-incumbent) in the form of a letter signed by me.. The other candidate's campaign was under the impression that if they reimbursed me for their estimated value of the stationery, that it would not be considered a transfer. In this case, the estimated value was \$10.

I heard afterwards that this approach might be a second transfer, rather than avoiding the original transfer, and that I should return the check and take other actions! I am holding the check pending further confirmation of information from you.

In my conversation with you, you stated that the FPPC has a similar case on file, that the action taken so far was the right approach to avoid a transfer (getting reimbursed by the committee on whose behalf the letters were sent for the value of the stationery), and that the FPPC even had a pre-printed handout explaining that this was the right approach. I will deposit that check in my account pending receipt of your letter confirming the validity of this approach. I do not in any way intend to violate or skirt the law, and will handle this in whatever way you suggest.

Thank you very much for your help. If you need to reach me, my home number is (213) 278-8329. My fax # is (213) 278-0626. My Council # is (213) 854-7315.

Sincerely,

  
Paul Koretz  
Councilman, City of West Hollywood