

## State of New Jersey

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August 29, 2013

Matthew Doherty
112 Inlet Terrace
Belmar, New Jersey 07719

Re:

LFB Complaint #13-021
Notice of Referral

Dear Mr. Doherty:

The purpose of this letter is to apprise you of the final disposition of the above-referenced complaint, in which it was alleged that you violated the Local Government Ethics Law when you participated in matters related to the awarding of contracts for the clean-up efforts following Superstorm Sandy.

The Local Government Ethics Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.7(d) provides the Local Finance Board (Board) with the power to forward to the county prosecutor or the Attorney General or other governmental body any information concerning violations of this act which may become the subject of criminal prosecution or which may warrant the institution of other legal proceedings by the Attorney General.

Please be advised that the Board has referred LFB Complaint #13-021 to the State of New Jersey's Statewide Sandy Fraud Working Group operating within the Department of Law and Public Safety. The Board makes no judgment of the substance of the complaint.

Therefore

The Adopted Rules and Complaint Procedures of the Local Finance Board, specifically N.J.A.C. 5:35-1.1(c), mandate that the Board "shall not process a complaint on a matter which is pending in a court of law or administrative agency of the State." Therefore, the Board has closed this matter without prejudice.

At the conclusion of the review by the Statewide Sandy Fraud Working Group, the matter may be re-filed with the Local Finance Board as a complaint under the Local Government Ethics Law.



LFB Complaint #13-021 is now closed. The Board will take no further action regarding these allegations unless a new complaint is filed specifically detailing the action of the Statewide New Jersey is an Equal Opportunity Employer - Printed on Recycled paper and Recyclable

Sandy Fraud Working Group and indicating that the matter is no longer pending action by such State agency or court of law.

Please contact Nick Bennett at (609) 292-0479 with any questions you may have regarding this issue.

Sincerely.

Patricia Parkin McNamara

**Executive Secretary** 

Local Finance Board

Complainant C13-021.Dismissal.Accused PPM:nb