




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Dear Ms. McNamara:

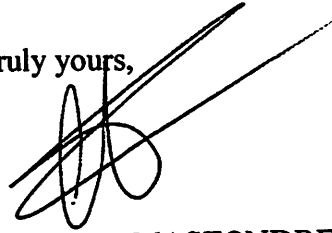
Please find attached hereto a copy of an Ethics Complaint filed by Mr. John Paff against Mayor Thomas Lankey of Edison, New Jersey and all the relevant paperwork submitted by Mr. Paff in support of his complaint. Also attached hereto a copy of the Code of Ethics from the Edison Municipal ordinance.

In short, Mr. Paff's allegations arise from a traffic ticket received by Mayor Lankey in June of 2014. Ultimately, Mayor Lankey plead guilty to the charge in South Brunswick Municipal Court throughout the time of the hearing he was represented by William Northgrave, Edison Township's attorney. Mr. Paff had brought his complaint based upon the relationship between Mr. Paff and Edison Township's attorney William Northgrave and his allegations are contained in the paperwork herein supplied.

However, we do not feel that the local ethics board is the appropriate place for this case to be investigated and handled. Pursuant to Municipal Ordinance 4-2.7 the Edison Township Ethics Board consists "of six members who shall be resident to the township. The members of the board shall be appointed by the township council. The members shall be chosen by virtue of their known and consistent reputation for integrity and their knowledge of local government affairs. No more than three (3) members of the board shall be of the same political party. No one may be appointed a member if he or she has been a county committee person during a twenty (20) month period prior to appointment." Since Mr. Lankey is in fact the Mayor of Edison and a former township councilman there would be a conflict of interest by having him appear before a board whose decision could be question based upon their partiality. Mr. Lankey has relationships with a number of the individuals who are on the board and played a role in appointing some of them. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that local finance board should this investigation and hearing.

I have informed the Board of Ethics, as well as Mr. Paff of this request to remove the complaint to your division by copy of this letter. Should you require additional documentation from me or any additional submissions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

CHRISTIAN R. MASTONDREA

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Encl

cc: John Paff

cc: Edison Township Ethics Board