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March 13, 2015

Katrina L. Campbell, Esquire  
Courter, Kobert & Cohen, PC  
1001 Route 517  
Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Re: Local Government Ethics Law  
LFB Complaint #12-100  
**NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

Dear Ms. Campbell:

The Local Finance Board (Board) issued a **NOTICE OF VIOLATION** regarding its findings in the matter of LFB Complaint #12-100 against your client, Margaret Dilts, Lopatcong Township Clerk. Enclosed is the **NOTICE** issued by the Board.

Please be advised that the **NOTICE** is not a final determination if your client desires to avail herself of the right to request an administrative hearing. If a hearing is requested in accordance with the enclosed **NOTICE**, the Board will not issue a final decision until the completion of the administrative hearing process.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Shannon Hudak at (609) 292-0479.

Sincerely,



Timothy J. Cunningham, Chair  
Local Finance Board

Enclosure  
Cc: Complainant (w/Enc.)





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In Re: [Margaret Dilts, Clerk/Administrator, Lopatcong Township (Warren County) LFB Complaint #12-100]

This matter having come before the Local Finance Board (Board) pursuant to the Local Government Ethics Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.1 et seq., upon complaint that Margaret Dilts, Lopatcong Township Clerk/Administrator, used municipal resources, including Township telephone and email accounts, to campaign for candidates prior to the November 2010 School Board elections and November 2012 Township Council elections in violation of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(c); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board determined that the allegations were within its jurisdiction, were not frivolous and were based upon a reasonable factual basis, and authorized an investigation of this Complaint; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Ethics Law states:

N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(c). No local government officer or employee shall use or attempt to use his official position to secure unwarranted privileges or advantages for himself or others.

**WHEREAS**, the Board, having considered the matter and all of the relevant statements and information presented and having reviewed the written response to the allegations submitted by Katrina L. Campbell, Esquire, on behalf of Margaret Dilts, concluded that Ms. Dilts used her official position to secure an unwarranted privilege or advantage for herself or others when she used municipal resources to campaign for candidates prior to the November 2010 School Board elections and November 2012 Township Council elections in violation of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(c);

It is therefore,

**DETERMINED** that Margaret Dilts, Clerk/Administrator, shall be assessed a fine in the amount of \$100.00 for the violations as related to her engaging in activities prohibited by the statute. Said fine shall be payable to: Treasurer, State of New Jersey, and be submitted to: Timothy J. Cunningham, Chair, Local Finance Board, P.O. Box 803, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, immediately. If payment of said fine is not received within 30 days receipt of this NOTICE, Ms. Dilts is subject to additional fines as determined by the Board in accordance with its powers in N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.10, Violations and Penalties.



**NOTICE** that Margaret Dilts, Clerk/Administrator, is entitled to an administrative hearing in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.12 to contest this **NOTICE**. Any request for an administrative hearing shall be filed with the Local Finance Board within 30 days receipt of this **NOTICE**. If an administrative hearing is requested, the Board will not issue a final decision until the completion of the administrative hearing process. Said hearing request shall be filed with Patricia Parkin McNamara, Executive Secretary, Local Finance Board, Department of Community Affairs, P.O. Box 803, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.



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TIMOTHY J. CUNNINGHAM, CHAIR  
LOCAL FINANCE BOARD