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October 9, 2014

Jerry J. Dasti
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620 West Lacey Road
Post Office Box 1057
Forked River, New Jersey 08731

Re: Local Government Ethics Law
Closure of LFB Complaint C13-015

Dear Mr. Dasti:

The purpose of this letter is to apprise you of recent action taken by the Local Finance Board (Board) on the above referenced complaint.

As you are aware, the Local Government Ethics Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.1 et seq., provides the Board with the power to initiate, receive, hear and review complaints, and hold hearings with regard to possible violations of the Local Government Ethics Law. On July 17, 2014, the Board mailed a Notice of Investigation to Township of Barnegat Committee person Susan McCabe. The Board authorized an investigation into Committee person McCabe for possible violations of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(c), (d), and (f). Specifically, the Board investigated the allegation that Township of Barnegat Deputy Mayor Susan McCabe violated the Local Government Ethics Law when she acted in her official capacity to create a position in the Township government and subsequently hired her former campaign treasurer to that paid position.

On August 1, 2014, you submitted a letter to the Board that had not previously been received from the named complainants in this complaint withdrawing the original complaint. Though the Board took note that the complaint was withdrawn at approximately the same time the former campaign treasurer left his position in the Township, and that the financial relationship between Ms. McCabe and the campaign treasurer would create the appearance of a conflict, it voted to accept the request to withdraw this complaint.

The Board hereby closes this complaint.



Please contact Nick Bennett at (609) 292-0479 should you have any questions regarding the Board's action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas H. Neff". The signature is stylized with a large initial "T" and "H".

Thomas H. Neff, Chair
Local Finance Board

C: Township Committee person Susan McCabe
Township Committee person Martin Lisella
Township Committee person Albert Bille

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THN:nb