



CITY OF STAMFORD
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October 7, 1993

, Esquire

Stamford, Ct.

Dear

In a letter dated July 27th you have represented to the Board of Ethics that you are an employee of a law firm and a member of the Board of Representatives. As a result of discussion between yourself and members of this Board at a meeting on August 17th, it is our understanding that you have what this Board considers to be a financial interest in the operations of your employer.

You have represented to this Board that the law firm of which you are employed has been retained by the Department of the City of Stamford to represent the Department in defense of certain unspecified actions taken by the Department. You have also represented that you are not involved in these matters nor do you derive any direct compensatory interest in these matters.

You have inquired as to whether the law firm's representation compromises your ability to vote upon matters fiscal or otherwise involving the Department. Based upon the representations you have made it is the opinion of this Board that the law firm's representation of the Department does not require you to recuse yourself from discussion or voting upon matters involving the Department that come before the Board of Representatives.

You have also represented to this Board that the law firm in which you are employed represents a non-profit organization. This representation includes matters involving leasing property from an organization that is funded in part by the City of Stamford. The second organization is under contract with the City calling for the organization to provide the City and it's citizens with certain services. Neither organization is a City agency. The law firm does

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not involve you in matters pertaining to the aforementioned non-profit organization. Nor does the law firm represent the second organization.


As the second organization obtains some funding from the City you have asked whether, as a member of the Board of Representatives, you may discuss and vote upon matters fiscal or otherwise pertaining to the

. It is the opinion of the Board that you have no financial interest in matters involving the non-profit organization and that your interest involving the second organization is not contrary to the citizens of Stamford as a whole. Therefore it is our opinion that your participation at the Board of Representatives would not violate the code of Ethics.

Provided there is no change in the facts as presented to the Board, reliance upon this opinion shall constitute, until revoked or amended, an absolute defense in any action or proceeding brought against you under the Code of Ethics as it relates to this matter only.

We thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,


John A. Marsalisi
Secretary

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