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May 18, 2005

MAILING ADDRESS:
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RALEIGH, NC 27611-7255

Mr. Ken Raymond
Ken Raymond Election Committee
PO Box 17125
Winston-Salem, NC 27116

Re: Ken Raymond Election Committee
Organizational Report

Dear Mr. Raymond,

This is correspondence clarifying our phone conversation on May 18, 2005 regarding the letter that the Forsyth County Board of Elections sent to us about your committee.

The first matter is concerning a contribution from the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers Union Local 7 to your committee on February 1, 2005. NC Campaign Finance Law (GS 163-278.19) says it is unlawful for any corporation, business entity, labor union, professional association or insurance company to directly or indirectly contribute to a candidate. We spoke about the Ken Raymond Election Committee refunding the Local 7 and amending the above mentioned report to show the refund.

The second matter is concerning cash expenditures. Any expenditure that exceeds \$50 may not be paid with cash. The Organizational Report is showing two expenditures that were paid in cash because the companies receiving the payments did not accept starter checks. The committee recognizes this as a violation and holds receipts for both transactions.

I have notified the Forsyth County Board of Elections about our phone conversation. The amended report should be submitted to the Forsyth BOE and if you have any more questions please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline E. Kannan, Audit Specialist
Campaign Finance Office
NC State Board of Elections

Cc: Ms. Judy Speas
Mr. John Davenport

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May 31, 2005

Jacqueline E. Kannan
NC State Board of Elections
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Re: Donation from Bridge and Structural Iron Workers
Union Local 7

Dear Ms. Kannan

The letter is to clarify the circumstances involved in the \$500 donation from Bridge and Structural Iron Workers Union Local 7 in Boston, Massachusetts.

In December of 2004, I informed my father—Benjamin Raymond—of my intention to run for city council in Winston-Salem in 2005. My father, who is a member of good standing with Local 7, told me that the group regularly makes donations to political candidates in Massachusetts. He said that he would attempt to persuade his fellow members to make a donation to my campaign. My father was successful and I received the \$500 donation.

In a letter from the Forsyth County Board of Elections dated May 13th, I was informed that the contribution was inappropriate.

During our conversation on May 18th, 2005 I stated that the \$500 contribution would be returned to Local 7. The donation was returned on May 19th and the check number is 1005.

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Thank you for your patience in this matter. My father was simply being supportive of my candidacy and I was unaware of the state laws regarding campaign contributions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Raymond". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "K".

Ken Raymond

Cc: Ms. Judy Speas, Forsyth County Board of Elections
Mr. John Davenport, Treasurer