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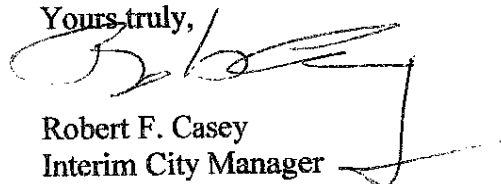
Re: Political Campaigning

Dear Mr. Johnson:

It has come to my attention that you were recently soliciting contributions from City employees on and/or in front of City Property (the Police Station). Please be advised that solicitation of campaign funds from city employees, although allowed under 40A9-22.5 (3)f (Local Government Ethics Law) is only allowed if the receiver of the solicitation "has no knowledge or reason to believe that the campaign contribution, if accepted, was given with the intent to influence the local government officer in the discharge of his official duties"

The appearance of accepting campaign contributions, even in nominal amounts, from uniformed police officers at a prominent city owned site is not to anyone's advantage. Given the fact that as a member of the City Council you must approve labor contracts which directly benefit those providing the contributions, your involvement in this could result in adverse publicity that would not be beneficial to either the City or yourself. Consequently I strongly urge that you refrain from these solicitations under this or similar circumstances.

Yours truly,



Robert F. Casey
Interim City Manager