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Ms. Dorothy Littrell, CPA
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Dear Ms. Littrell:

Enclosed please find the most recent letter from Stanley DeWaal, Treasurer for the Governor's Special Projects PAC. After reviewing his letter, it appears that Mr. DeWaal has sufficiently addressed the questions you posed in you letters dated January 8 and January 10, 2001.

I have conducted an administrative review of the reports filed in our office and the information I have received from you and Mr. DeWaal over the past few months. It is my conclusion that the Governor's Special Projects PAC has complied with the appropriate disclosure laws that were in effect at the time, as outlined in Utah Code Section 20A-11.

I have also received another letter from you (February 16, 2001) regarding lieutenant governor candidates filing financial disclosure reports. This office has not required lieutenant governor candidates to file a report separate from the candidates for governor. The assumption is that these candidates run on the same ticket and that their campaign committees are one and the same. As long as the disclosure is accurate and complete, the campaign committee is considered to be in compliance with the law.

It appears that the law has been administered this way since the first campaign committee reports were required. If this law applies to Olene Walker, as you claim, then it must apply to all past lieutenant governor candidates. I can see no benefit in interpreting the law to mean that all past candidates for lieutenant governor are in violation of the law. I would, however, be open to working with the legislature to clarify this statute to avoid confusion in the future.

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Mr. DeWaal has indicated in his letter that you are welcome to a complete breakdown of the Governor's Special Projects expenses. You may contact him directly at (801) 364-9300. I would encourage you to pursue this route since it seems we have sufficiently resolved the issues that pertain to the records in my office. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Amy Naccarato
Director, State Elections Office

Enclosure

cc: Mark Burns, Attorney General's Office
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