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January 11, 2017

Ellen Zamechansky  
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Dumont, NJ 07628

RE: Local Government Ethics Law Complaint  
#LFB-16-015 – Notice of Determination

Dear Ms. Zamechansky:

The purpose of this letter is to apprise you of the Local Finance Board's final disposition of 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 Local Finance Board (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, where no local ethics board has been established, and determine if a complaint against a local government officer or employee is within its jurisdiction, frivolous, or without a reasonable factual basis, prior to conducting an investigation. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.9, you are hereby notified that a complaint was filed against you and dismissed.

The allegations set forth in the complaint may be summarized as follows:

You violated the LGEL when you altered 10 borough purchase orders between 1/30/2006 and 1/18/2011, when you were a Councilwoman, to deliberately mask items intended for personal use.

The nature of the complaint alleges a possible violation of the following provisions of the Law:

**N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(a) No local government officer or employee or member of his immediate family shall have an interest in a business organization or engage in any business, transaction, or professional activity, which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his duties in the public interest;**

**N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.5(d) No local government officer or employee shall act in his official capacity in any matter where he, a member of his immediate family, or a business organization in which he has an interest, has a direct or**



**indirect financial or personal involvement that might reasonably be expected to impair his objectivity or independence of judgment.**

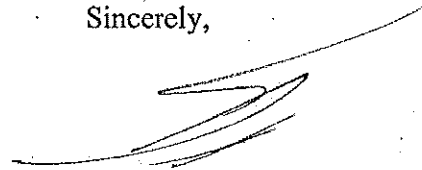
After a preliminary investigation of the facts and circumstances relevant to this complaint, the Board determined to dismiss the allegation that you violated N.J.S.A. 40A: 9-22.5(a), or (d), as lacking jurisdiction, as the matters complained of involved the Local Public Contracts Law and alleged criminal behavior, both of which are beyond the jurisdiction of the Local Government Ethics Law. In addition, the matters complained of occurred between 2006 and 2011, more than five years ago.

Complaint #LFB 16-015 is now closed.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-22.9, the local government officer or employee against whom the complaint was filed must be notified of the Board's conclusion regarding a complaint. No action is required on your part. This letter is a notification that a complaint was filed against you and dismissed.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Tina Vignali at (609) 292-0479 or at [TinaM.Vignali@dca.nj.gov](mailto:TinaM.Vignali@dca.nj.gov).

Sincerely,



Timothy J. Cunningham, Chair  
Local Finance Board

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December 8, 2016

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**In Re: Investigation of Ellen Zamechansky**

Dear Ellen:

I am pleased to advise you that on December 7, 2016 I had a conversation with Assistant Prosecutor Daniel Keitel concerning the status of the investigation pertaining to your duties as a Councilperson. I am pleased to advise you that a determination has been made by the Prosecutor's Office that there is no basis for criminal action against you.  
**CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**

The Prosecutor indicated that a great deal of attention was paid to this matter because of your sensitive position but after conducting an in-depth investigation, they are of the opinion that there is no action. Unfortunately, the Prosecutor's Office will not provide any written documentation that this matter is over but he has assured me of the same. If you have any questions, kindly contact me.

Very truly yours,

GALANTUCCI, PATUTO, DEVENCENTES  
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