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Ms. Claire Sullivan, Treasurer
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Dear Ms. Sullivan:

This is in response to your recent request for an advisory opinion concerning the application of M.G.L. c. 55, the campaign finance law to the following. You have inquired whether the Committee to Elect Maura A. Hennigan may make contributions to several non-profit institutions of which candidate Maura Hennigan is a member of the Board of Directors.

This office has promulgated regulations, in accordance with section 6 of chapter 55, 970 CMR 2.06 (3) (a) permits political committees, such as the Committee to Elect Maura Hennigan, to make expenditures for charitable contributions, provided that all the following requirements are met.

1. The contribution is made to an entity which is subject to either M.G.L. c. 12, s. 8(f), M.G.L. c. 67 or M.G.L. c. 180;
2. Neither the candidate, treasurer, or any official of the political committee is a trustee, officer, principal or beneficiary or involved in any manner in the operations of said entity;
3. Neither the candidate, treasurer, nor any official of the political committee has any personal relationship with any trustee, officer, principal or beneficiary of said entity.
4. Making such charitable contributions is a usual and customary practice of that political committee;
5. The candidate or political committee will receive publicity and foster political goodwill as a result of making the contribution.

As a member of the Board of Directors of the organizations the committee wishes to contribute to, the candidate is involved in some manner in the operations of the entities. The Committee to Elect Maura A. Hennigan may

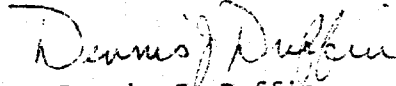
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not make expenditures for the purpose of contributing to any organization on whose Board of Directors the candidate sits. She may, however, contribute her own personal funds to these non-profit organizations.

Very truly yours,



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