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To: Chair Ravel and Commissioners Eskovitz, Garrett, Montgomery and Rotunda

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Subject: Report of Division Activities

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Advice Service

The Division responded to over 3,000 calls in September. A significant number of calls were from officers of committees affected by the seizure of records held by campaign treasurer, Kinde Durkee. Staff has assisted individuals in explaining the basic campaign reporting duties.

Political Reform Consultant, Sandy Johnson, retires from state service on October 6th. Ms. Johnson answered questions on all areas of the Political Reform Act not only on the advice line but in many presentations and outreaches. Most recently she was the Division's lead consultant preparing the voter education information listing the sources of major funding for the 2012 June Ballot measures.

FPPC Web Postings

Staff continues to provide weekly updates of the top donors to ballot measure committees formed for the June 2012 ballot. These reports are posted under the "Voter Information."

The recently approved forms, Form 804 and Form 805, are now posted. These forms address the Form 700 reporting requirements for consultants and individuals serving in newly created positions. In addition, staff sent notification emails to filing officers throughout the state. We also coordinated the announcement with the League of Cities, FPPC committee, and the city clerks association.

Staff plans that the 2011/12 Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests, will be available for public comment in mid October. At this time, there does not appear to be

significant or major changes to the form. The form is scheduled to be approved at the Commission's December meeting.

Additionally, the staff is also posting the Form 700, statements of economic interests, of the FPPC Commission members.

Seminars, Outreaches, Webinars

Since the last report the Division has conducted a webinar, a workshop for local filing officers and a one-on-one outreach. Sarah Olson made a well-received webinar presentation to over 25 state agency officials who administer Form 700 filings; Barbara Smith conducted a workshop to a full house of local officials who handle duties for campaign filings; and Alex Castillo met with officials at the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission on their Form 700 filing officer duties. Upcoming presentations scheduled for the remainder of October include a webinar for state agencies on amending conflict-of-interest codes; five outreaches for state and local officials; and an additional campaign workshop for local officials.