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Ms. Euella K. Thomas, Treasurer  
East Detroit Millage Committee  
15535 Evergreen Avenue  
East Detroit, Michigan 48021

Dear Ms. Thomas:

This is in response to your inquiries concerning the Campaign Finance Act ("the Act"), P.A. 388 of 1976, as amended.

You state the East Detroit Millage Committee wishes to transfer funds from a checking account to a savings account. As treasurer of the committee, your signature is the only one required for the checking account; you prefer that your signature be the only one required for withdrawal on the proposed savings account. You state you are the only active member of the committee. You raise the following questions:

1. If anything should happen to me what would the status of these accounts be?
2. Who would be authorized to withdraw from account(s) until a new treasurer was named?
3. Would it be possible to appoint a new treasurer immediately and proceed from there?

In a September 2, 1977, letter to Mr. John L. Damstra, Treasurer of the Kent County Republican Committee, the Department outlined the basic procedures for the transaction in question. A copy of this letter is enclosed for your information. You will note a transfer of monies may be effected within the parameters prescribed in the Damstra letter.

Concerning your specific questions, the first and second inquiries should be addressed to your bank or legal counsel. The questions are general legal questions which are outside the framework of the Act.

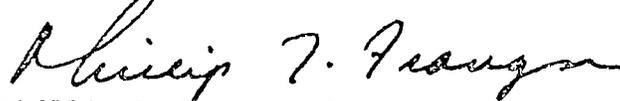
With respect to your third question, a new treasurer may be appointed immediately, if you are unable to perform the requisite duties. However, this question also should be discussed with legal counsel since appointment of a new treasurer may be difficult due to the fact you profess to be the only active member of the committee.

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In closing, it is noted that in your letter you wish to report a new address. The proper method for reporting a new address is by amendment of your committee's original statement of organization. Amendment must be made on the appropriate form which may be obtained from your county clerk; a letter will not suffice.

This response is informational only and does not constitute a declaratory ruling.

Very truly yours,



Phillip T. Frangos, Director  
Office of Hearings & Legislation

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Enclosure