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Robert L. Megna
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Via Electronic Mail

November 19, 2013

Ms. Elena Sassower, Director
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Dear Ms. Sassower:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL") request which was received by the Division of the Budget (the "Division") on November 12, 2013 for "the following for the 25 fiscal years from 1989-1990 through 2013-2014:

- 1) the budget requests and any "side letters" that the State Board of Elections submitted to the Division of the Budget;
- 2) all publicly-available records pertaining to requests from the Division of the Budget to the State Board of Elections for additional information and/or clarification of its budget requests;
- 3) all publicly-available records pertaining to the Budget Director's "formal" budget hearings at which the State Board of Elections presented and discussed its budget requests and at which the Division of the Budget, the Governor's office, and representatives of the Legislature had the opportunity to raise questions on program, policy and priorities;
- 4) all publicly-available records as to the Division of the Budget's preliminary and final budgets for the State Board of Elections, with personnel recommendations;
- 5) all publicly-available records pertaining to the Division of the Budget's table and narrative for the State Board of Elections (a.k.a. "budget story") that it furnished to the Governor - and any changes made by the Governor with respect thereto and to appropriations for the State Board of Elections;
- 6) the enacted budget for the State Board of Elections."

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Division staff has been asked to review applicable files and provide any pertinent records in the possession of the Division that are responsive to your request. If there are any such pertinent records, they will be reviewed to determine what records and/or information should be disclosed under FOIL. We estimate that the Division will complete its review process by May 19, 2014. We need extended time to complete a response to your request because of (i) the limited resources available at the Division, and (ii) the time needed to collect and review the materials, if any, that are responsive to your request. The Division will notify you in writing when/if any responsive materials are available for release or if the time needed to complete the processing of your request extends beyond the above date.

Sincerely,



Alan P. Lebowitz
FOIL Officer