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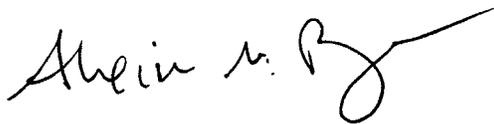
RE: Request for an Advisory Opinion

Dear Ms. LaBerge:

This letter is a formal request to the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission for the issuance of an advisory opinion in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-6(b)(13).

I would like clarification on the use of campaign contributions to fund private "inaugural" events that are held after the conclusion of the election for a municipal office. Does an inaugural event held more than a month after a runoff election qualify as an "ordinary and necessary" expense as set out in O.C.G.A. § 21-5-33(a)? Is there an appropriate time period after the election during which campaign contributions may be used for special events, or do the guidelines for disposition as set out in O.C.G.A. § 21-5-33(b)(1) apply the day following the election?

Respectfully,



Alexia M. Ryan

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