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**Re: Ethics Complaint versus Sheriff Jackie Barrett**

Dear Mr. Lee:

I am writing in response to your letter dated 5/21/04. Your letter referenced a complaint filed with your Commission against Sheriff Barrett. The complaint alleges that Sheriff Barrett violated the Ethics in Government Act.

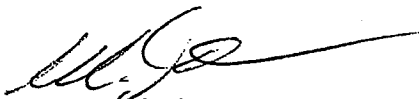
The complainant, Mr. Anderson, alleges that Sheriff Barrett violated the ethics rules by accepting \$40,000 in campaign contributions with the intention of converting that money for her personal use. Mr. Anderson further alleges a violation of the Act in that the amounts received exceeded the amount allowed by law.

Documents already produced by my office indicate that all funds received were deposited into the campaign account. At no time were funds diverted for personal use. Shortly after receiving the campaign contributions, it became clear that the amounts sent by various donors exceeded the allowable campaign contributions. At that time, all funds in question were sent back to the donors. The checks refunding the monies back to the donors were also from the campaign account.

I am currently reviewing the campaign account from year 2000 to present and I intend to amend any errors or omissions on Sheriff Barrett's disclosure forms as soon as possible.

If the commission elects to go forward with Mr. Anderson's complainant, generated solely by his review of "stories" he read or saw in the media, please advise me of the time, date and location for the hearing. I can be reached at the above listed address and phone number.

Sincerely,



Manubir S. Arora  
Counsel for Sheriff Barrett