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Re: William G. Maher

Dear Chief Paolillo:

This is in reply to your letter of February 18, in which you ask for guidelines regarding the conduct of your Administrative Assistant, William G. Maher, who is seeking election to the State Senate.

In my opinion, there is no law preventing Mr. Maher from seeking election to the Senate, as long as his campaigning does not interfere with the performance of his duties with the Police Department.

Regarding campaign contributions, G.L.c.55, §13 provides that no person employed by a city shall solicit or receive any contribution for any political candidate. However, §13 further provides that such contributions may be received by a "non-elected political committee" organized to promote his candidacy, so long as the contributions are not solicited or received from persons who have any interest in any particular matter in which the employee participates in the course of his employment.

I hope that this will be of help to you.

Very truly yours,

Russell B. Higley
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City Solicitor

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