



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

State House, Boston 02133

John F. X. Davoren

Secretary of the Commonwealth

SEMINAR - MEDFORD, MALDEN AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

The following are specifics for the Campaign Finance Seminar scheduled for your area as referred to in the enclosed bulletin:

DATE: Thursday, May 9, 1974

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: Medford City Hall
85 Salem Street (George P. Hassett Drive)

LOCATION: Howard F. Alden Memorial Council Chambers
Second floor

Adequate parking space available for your convenience at rear of building.

Although we are planning thirteen such seminars throughout the Commonwealth, you can readily understand we cannot conduct a session for each community. Therefore, we are attempting to centralize these meetings to make it as convenient as possible for you to participate.

I look forward to meeting with you personally at this seminar.

Sincerely,

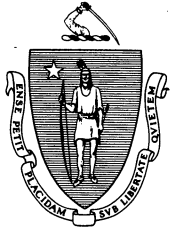
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JOHN F. X. DAVOREN

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BULLETIN

You are undoubtedly aware that the Massachusetts Legislature has updated state laws applying to all political campaign financing which includes all contributions, expenditures and liabilities.

Because these changes in the law are likely to be unfamiliar to most of you, I consider it my responsibility as the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the state's chief election officer, to make every possible effort to inform and advise all of you who are directly or indirectly affected by Chapter 1173 of the Acts of 1973, which is commonly known as the Campaign Financing and Disclosure Law.

To this end, I have scheduled a series of conferences across the Commonwealth in order to bring this vital information to your doorstep. At each of these sessions--which will entertain a question and answer format--I shall be accompanied by state Supervisor of Public Records, John J. McGlynn. Mr. McGlynn, whom I named to this sensitive position some months ago, is considered to be the father of most of the campaign financing legislation placed on the statute books in recent years. As a former legislator, Mr. McGlynn is, in my estimation, uniquely qualified to respond to your questions.

I am keenly aware that the public expects the campaign financing laws to be administered fairly and without favor. I intend that this shall be the case and my paramount purpose in conducting these conferences across the state is to make absolutely certain that everyone involved in the elective process understands his or her responsibilities and obligations under the terms of this law. May I take this opportunity to urge you to participate in one of these campaign financing conferences since the statute is strict and the penalties for non-compliance are not trivial.

Taking into consideration the current gasoline emergency, as well as the unfathomable weather pattern, I have arranged for about a dozen of these conferences to be held in areas of the state where there is a large population within a limited geographic area.

Again, may I stress my desire that you attend and participate in a least one of these seminars in a day and age when even an innocent and almost unavoidable slip in the conduct of campaign financing may subject a candidate and his committee to harsh public criticism.

I look forward to meeting with you and discussing this matter of mutual interest.

JOHN F. X. DAVOREN
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P.S. Kindly bring along a friend or friends who may well have an interest in the very pertinent subject of campaign financing and disclosure.

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Comm. from Secretary of State notifying the
City Council of the Campaign Finance Seminar
to be held on May 9, 1974 at 7:30 p. m. at
Medford City Hall.

In City Council,

May 6, 1974

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