

## SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into between the Board of Ethics of the City of Philadelphia ("Ethics Board") and the Green for Philadelphia Committee, by the Hon. Bill Green and Jeffrey Scott (collectively, the "Green Committee"). The Board of Ethics and the Green Committee are referred to jointly as "the Parties."

### RECITALS

- A. The Philadelphia Board of Ethics is an independent board that was established by ordinance, approved by voters, and installed on November 27, 2006. It is charged with providing ethics training for all city employees and enforcing city campaign finance, financial disclosure and conflict of interest laws. The Ethics Board has the authority to render advice, investigate complaints and issue fines.
- B. Green for Philadelphia is the candidate political committee of Philadelphia City Councilman Bill Green.
- C. Councilman Bill Green is a City Councilman At-Large. In June 2007, Councilman Green was a candidate for an At-Large seat on City Council.
- D. Jeffrey Scott is the treasurer of the Green Committee.
- E. Because the Green Committee's 2007 campaign finance reports disclosed contributions and expenditures related to candidates for City office, the Green Committee was required to electronically file copies of those campaign finance reports with the Ethics Board, via the Records Department for the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to §20-1006 of the city's campaign finance law.
- F. In calendar year 2007, contributions to candidates for City Council from political committees were limited to \$10,000, pursuant to section 20-1001(2) of the city's campaign finance law. The acceptance by a candidate of a contribution in excess of the limit set by section 20-1001(2) is punishable by a civil penalty in the amount set forth in section 20-612.
- G. Contributions include "[m]oney, gifts, forgiveness of debts, loans, or things having a monetary value incurred or received by a candidate or his/her agent for use in advocating or influencing the election of the candidate," pursuant to section 20-1001(6) of the city's campaign finance law.
- H. In June 2007, Local 98 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers organized a fundraiser at the Vesper Club for then candidate Green. Councilman Green attended the fundraiser.

- I. The Green Committee intended to pay the catering bill for the fundraiser. However, unbeknownst to the Green Committee, Local 98 paid the bill of \$6,207.20. The Green Committee was not aware of the amount of the bill. On July 11, 2007, Local 98's Committee On Public Education reimbursed Local 98 for paying the catering bill.
- J. In paying for the catering bill, Local 98 COPE made an in-kind contribution of \$6,207.20 to the Green Committee.
- K. Because Local 98 COPE had made a contribution of \$10,000 to the Green Committee on March 26, 2007, the July 11, 2007 in-kind contribution exceeded the limits set by section 20-1001(2) of the Philadelphia Code.
- L. In October 2007, Local 98 COPE entered into a settlement agreement with the Ethics Board to resolve several violations of the City's campaign finance law. In the settlement agreement, Local 98 COPE admitted to making an in-kind contribution of \$6,207.20 to the Green Committee on July 11, 2007.
- M. The Green committee was unaware of the \$6,207.20 in-kind contribution from Local 98 COPE until the settlement agreement between Local 98 COPE and the Ethics Board was made public.
- N. On October 15, 2007, immediately after the Local 98 settlement agreement was made public, the Green Committee took corrective action by voluntarily reimbursing Local 98 COPE for the July 11, 2007 \$6,207.20 in-kind contribution. In addition, the Green Committee promptly disclosed the reimbursement in its 2008 cycle 5 campaign finance report.
- O. The Green Committee and Local 98 COPE have represented to the Ethics Board that the Green Committee was unaware of the in-kind contribution at the time it was made. The Ethics Board accepts the credible representations of the Green Committee and Local 98 COPE.
- P. The Green Committee has cooperated fully with the Ethics Board throughout its inquiry into the in-kind contribution from Local 98 COPE. The Green Committee has provided the Ethics Board a thorough explanation of the details of the contribution and has taken prompt action to mitigate any violations of the City's campaign finance laws.
- Q. The Parties enter into this Settlement Agreement in order to resolve all violations related to this matter.

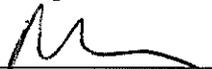
**AGREEMENT**

The Parties agree as follows:

1. The Green Committee admits that Local 98 COPE's July 11, 2007 in-kind contribution of \$6,207.20 exceeded the limits set by section 20-1001(2) of the Philadelphia Code.
2. In consideration of the above and in exchange for the Green Committee's cooperation and its compliance with all of the terms of the Agreement, the Board agrees to waive any penalties against the Green Committee for the violations described herein.
3. The Parties agree that neither they nor their agents will make any public statements that are inconsistent with the terms of the Agreement.
4. The Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Parties.
5. The Agreement shall become effective on execution by the Parties.

By the Board of Ethics of the  
City of Philadelphia:

Dated: 3/3/09

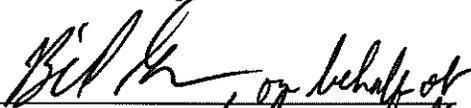
  
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Richard Glazer, Esquire  
Chair

Dated: 3/3/09

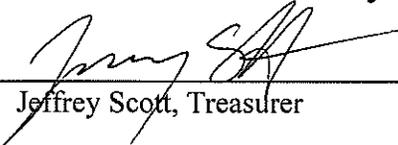
  
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J. Shane Creamer, Jr., Esquire  
Executive Director

By Green for Philadelphia:

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Hon. Bill Green, *on behalf of Green for Philadelphia*

Dated: 2/27/09

  
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Jeffrey Scott, Treasurer