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February 10, 2026

Joseph Amico  
Committee to Elect Joe Amico  
7 James Street  
Peabody, MA 01960

Re: CPF 25-68

Dear Mr. Amico:

This office has completed its review of a complaint alleging that, as a public employee, you used your personal social media account to share information regarding a fundraising event for your Committee, the Committee to Elect Joe Amico (the "Committee"). Based on our review, and for the reasons that follow, OCPF has determined that the Committee did not comply with M.G.L. Chapter 55, the campaign finance law.

Section 13 of the campaign finance law prohibits any person "employed for compensation, other than an elected officer, by the commonwealth or any county, city, or town" from directly or indirectly soliciting or receiving contributions for a candidate for public office. This restriction applies at all times, in all places, and not just during the work day. Even if the public employee is also an elected official, they are restricted from directly or indirectly soliciting or receiving contributions for a candidate for public office. The restriction also applies to fundraising for a public employee's own campaign for public office. Fundraising by a committee organized on behalf of a public employee is exempt from the restrictions as long as no public employee is involved in the fundraising activities. Section 13 further prohibits a public employee from serving as the treasurer of any political committee.

In the 2025 local elections, you were a candidate for Peabody City Council, while retaining your seat on the Peabody School Committee. To support your candidacy for City Council, your Committee planned a fundraising event, which was held on June 20. In the weeks leading up to that event, you published multiple posts to your personal social media account, advertising your Committee's June 20<sup>th</sup> event and inviting people to attend. In addition to social media invitations, your Committee also sent paper invitations relative to the June 20 event.

You have acknowledged that you are a public employee, working as a public school teacher, now and at the time you posted the social media invitations. In addition, you further



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acknowledged that your wife was a public employee while she served as your Committee treasurer until the Committee appointed a new treasurer by filing a Change of Treasurer form with the local clerk on June 6, 2025.

Based upon our review, we have concluded that your distribution via social media of a fundraising invitation did not comply with Section 13. We have further concluded that, to the extent a public employee served as treasurer of your Committee, such activity did not comply with the restrictions of Section 13. To resolve this matter, you have purged the funds remaining in your Committee account to the Commonwealth, in the total amount of \$4,555.46. In addition, your Committee appointed a new treasurer prior to the referenced event and prior to review by OCPF. Because appropriate remedial action was taken and we expect the guidance provided as a result of this review will ensure compliance with the campaign finance law in the future, OCPF has determined that no further action is warranted at this time.

In accordance with the opinion of the Supervisor of Public Records, this letter is a public record and a copy will be placed in your Committee's public file with the local clerk. A copy may also be provided to the person(s) who brought this to our attention, if applicable.

Sincerely,



William C. Campbell  
Director

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cc: Andrew Savard, Treasurer  
Allyson Danforth, Peabody City Clerk