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Case No. 87023.A

Dear [Redacted]

Suite 1320
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The Board of Ethics has received your request for an advisory opinion to determine whether Executive Order 86-1 will prohibit your wife, a professional artist, from applying for and/or accepting a grant of \$1,500.00 from the Community Arts Assistance Program.

As stated in your letter of April 1, 1987, the Community Arts Assistance Program is one of several programs which your department sponsors through the Office of Fine Arts. Applications for this program are reviewed and ranked by a panel composed of professional arts administrators and artists. It is the understanding of the Board that you are not personally involved in reviewing or ranking any of the applications for this program.

Section 12 of Executive Order 86-1 prohibits city employees from maintaining a financial interest in his own name or in the name of any other person, in any contract, work or business of the City. However, this prohibition is not applicable to your wife in so far as "financial interest" is defined as any interest which entitles the owner to receive more than \$2,500 per year. (See Section 2(i); attached). Since the grant in question is for \$1,500, and the interest arises solely from your spouse's profession (See Section 2(i)(1)), your wife will be eligible to apply for and receive a grant from the Community Arts Assistance Program.

Please be advised that the Executive Order prohibits you from assisting your wife in the application process in the following manners:



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- (1) You may not in any way use your position to assist your wife in receiving a grant from the CAAP Program. (i.e. Do not use your position to influence any of the panel members who review the CAAP applications.) (See Section 4; attached)

and

- (2) You may not disclose any non-public information to your wife while attempting to assist her in the application process. (See Section 8; attached)

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Board.

Sincerely,

Robert C Howard

Robert C. Howard
Chairman

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