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By Hand

Hon. Frederick A. O. Schwarz, Jr. Chair, NYC Campaign Finance Board 40 Rector Street
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Dear Chair Schwarz:

We represent Fields for New York, a duly registered campaign committee on behalf of C. Virginia Fields' campaign for Mayor of the City of New York.

Pursuant to CFB Rule 1-03(q), we write to ask the Campaign Finance Board to allow the Fields Mayoral campaign to begin fundraising for the September 27, 2005 Mayoral runoff. As the recent polls evidence, it is highly likely that this four-candidate race will require a runoff after the first round of voting on September 13th. Ms. Fields and Fernando Ferrer have consistently polled as the top two candidates over the last few months, with neither getting close to the 40% threshold necessary to avoid a runoff. And the most recent Quinnipiac and New York Times polls, released within the last week, corroborate the long-term trend that a runoff seems inevitable.

In 2001, a four way race was decided by a runoff to determine the winner of the Democratic nomination. Indeed, the Board determined as early as March 13th of that year that a runoff was reasonably anticipated. Considering that we are now much closer in time to this year's primary election, and the polls have consistently shown that no candidate is likely to reach the 40% threshold, it is even more reasonable for the Board to make this determination at this point.

Furthermore, Ms. Fields, as well as the other candidates, will have qualified for public matching funds under the Campaign Finance Program. The high level of funding that each candidate has and will receive ensures that each of the four candidates will have ample resources to campaign vigorously through primary day -- further evidencing that there will be a runoff.

Under the circumstances, we believe it is necessary to start raising money now for such eventuality.

We look forward to your reply.

Very truly yours,

Jerry H. Goldfeder Leo Glickman Attorneys for Fields for New York