

**COMMISSION ON  
ETHICS AND PUBLIC  
TRUST**

# Memo

**To:** File  
**From:** Robert Meyers, Executive Director  
Commission on Ethics and Public Trust  
**Date:** 07/13/99  
**Re:** Inquiry

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On July 7, 1999, I received a call from Patti Baloyra, Esq., Weiss, Serota & Helfman, who wanted an opinion concerning a city council member wishing to raise funds for a World War II memorial. I spoke to Ardyth about this, researched state law and concluded that the elected official should not solicit funds for this purpose in his official capacity. Therefore, any correspondence he mails out should not be on city letterhead, nor should he identify himself as an elected official in his efforts to secure funding for this memorial. Ms. Baloyra indicated she would pass this information along to David Wolpin, a partner in the firm, and if he needed something in writing, we would be more than willing to comply.