

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

**LOCAL FINANCE BOARD**

**Notice of Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking**

**Local Government Ethics Law**

**N.J.A.C. 5:35-1.1 and 1.2**

Petitioners: New Jersey Foundation for Open Government, Incorporated, and Mr. John Paff.

**Take notice** that on August 31, 2015, the Local Finance Board received a petition for rulemaking from the above petitioners requesting that the Board amend N.J.A.C. 5:35-1.1 and 1.2 to 1) place some time constraints within which the Local Finance Board must complete investigations of Local Government Ethics Law complaints; 2) make the existence of and records pertaining to Local Government Ethics Law complaints publicly available earlier in the process; and 3) restrict the Local Finance Board's ability to reject Local Government Ethics Law complaints when related matters are pending before a court or administrative agency. Petitioners state that the above-referenced amendments would benefit the public by facilitating more prompt resolution of ethics charges and by holding public officials to a higher level of accountability.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 1:30-4.2, the Board shall subsequently mail to the petitioner, and file with the Office of Administrative Law, a notice of action on the petition.

A copy of this public notice has been mailed to the petitioners.