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TO: Senate Records Access Officer/Secretary of the Senate Alejandra Paulino, Esq.

FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Director
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RE: FOIL/Records Request: The meaning, in dollars, of Senate Rule IX, §11:
“Allocation for Community Projects” – & where such appropriations appear
in the budgets for fiscal years 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020

Senate Rule IX, §11 for 2019-2020 – materially replicating Senate Rule X, §11 for 2017-2018 – is entitled “Allocation for Community Projects” and states, as follows:

“Each conference shall receive an allocation from any amounts to be awarded by the Senate for community projects, capital spending, local assistance or other similar allocations for member driven initiatives. The Majority Conference shall receive seventy-one percent of such funds and the Minority Conference shall receive twenty-nine percent of such funds; provided however that such percentages shall increase or decrease to reflect any changes in the membership of either the Majority Conference or the Minority Conference.”

Pursuant to Senate Rule XIV, “Freedom of Information”, this is to request:

- (1) records identifying, for 2017 and 2018 – however computed, be it by calendar year or fiscal year:
 - (a) the dollar amounts the Senate awarded for “community projects, capital spending, local assistance or other similar allocations for member driven initiatives”;
 - (b) the dollar amounts received by the Majority Conference, representing “seventy-one percent of such funds”;
 - (c) the dollar amounts received by the Minority Conference, representing “twenty-nine percent of such funds”;
 - (d) who, in the Majority and Minority Conferences, made the determinations as to the dollar amounts to be given to each of their respective Conference members for “community projects, capital

spending, local assistance or other similar allocations for member driven initiatives” – and by what criteria and/or process;

(e) the dollar amounts that each member of the Majority and Minority Conferences was given for “community projects, capital spending, local assistance or other similar allocations for member driven initiatives”;

(2) records identifying, for 2019 – however computed, be it by calendar year or fiscal year:

(a) the dollar amounts the Senate has or will be awarding for “community projects, capital spending, local assistance or other similar allocations for member driven initiatives”;

(b) the dollar amounts that have or will be given to the Majority Conference, representing “seventy-one percent of such funds”;

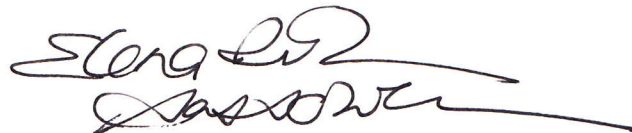
(c) the dollar amounts that have or will be given to the Minority Conference, representing “twenty-nine percent of such funds”;

(d) who, in the Majority and Minority Conferences, has made or is making the determinations as to the dollar amounts to be given to each of their respective Conference members for “community projects, capital spending, local assistance or other similar allocations for member driven initiatives” – and by what criteria and/or process;

(e) the dollar amounts that each member of the Majority and Minority Conferences has or will be given for “community projects, capital spending, local assistance or other similar allocations for member driven initiatives”;

(3) records identifying where in the budgets for fiscal years 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020, the Senate obtained the dollar amounts to award for “community projects, capital spending, local assistance or other similar allocations for member driven initiatives”.

Thank you.

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