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Statement from Lanny Davis – attorney for Montgomery County Fraternal Order of Police regarding case filed Monday, Nov 5: Montgomery County Fraternal Order of Police vs. County Executive Ike Leggett and Public Information Officer Patrick Lacefield

1) Contrary to the quoted assertion by County Executive Leggett and Mr. Patric Lacefield, Attorney General Doug Gansler is on record denying his office ever approved or unofficially advised it was legal to expend tax payer public funds to advocate a position on a ballot question. AG Gansler will confirm this -- as he and staff have to me several times on the phone.

2) See letters by State Prosecutor to Mr. Leggett in late Oct.

Mr. Davitt found in first letter it was illegal for County Government to expend funds for or against ballot question without establishing a committee.

He withdrew the criminal investigation because of lack of personal criminal intent based on reliance of county officials on County Attorney opinion (a memo that actually was limited to issue of right of First Amendment-protected advocacy-- but never once mentioned words "money" "spending public funds on ballot question" etc.)

- Lanny Davis, attorney for FOP

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