



MTA LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

January 8, 1997

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**TO: JULIAN BURKE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

FROM: SHARON WOODSON-BRYANT

At the request of the Executive Management Committee members, staff submitted questions relating to the implementation of SB 89 (Hayden) and AB 584 (Villaraigosa) to Legislative Counsel through Assembly Majority Leader Antonio Villaraigosa's office.

One question related to the apparent retroactive application of a campaign contribution limit which prohibits MTA Board Members from participating in a contract decision if the member has knowingly accepted a contribution of more than \$10 within the past four years from a participant or its agent in the contract decision.

The Legislative Counsel responded that the prohibition applies to campaign contributions given prior to the effective date of the law, January 1, 1998. Legislative Counsel's opinion is that this is not a retroactive application of the law because it does not impact decisions already rendered by the Board, only prospective decisions.

Another question related to whether the revolving door provisions in SB 89 and AB 584 were in conflict. The Legislative Counsel opinion is that there is no conflict between the provisions because the three-year revolving door provision in SB 89 relates to the acceptance of employment with a MTA contractor and the one-year provision in AB 584 deals with participation in a contract, with the MTA.

If you would like a copy of the opinion, please contact Claudette Moody, Communications Manager for State Affairs at (213) 922-2237.