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**Statement of Alderman Joe Moore
Regarding Attorney Faisal Khan's Report**

The accusations raised by Attorney Faisal Khan in his report and aired on WTTW last night are completely false. They provide more evidence of an office run amok with a lack of professionalism that should be unacceptable to every Chicagoan.

Here are the facts behind the false accusations:

1. My office has strict rules and procedures in place to prevent employees from doing political work on city time. My entire career has been spent fighting against this sort of abuse. The allegation I would condone this behavior in my own office is offensive to me and an insult to the many hard-working employees of the 49th Ward Service Office.
2. Attorney Khan never interviewed me for his report. He also failed to respond to my letter asking for clarification of his report. Instead, he chose to air his false accusations in the media, revealing my identity in direct violation of City law which prohibits his office from disclosing the identity of those who are the subject of any investigation. This kind of unprofessionalism is precisely the reason I have asked my colleagues in the City Council to replace Attorney Khan with the office maintained City Inspector General Joe Ferguson. Until that time, I will continue to make myself available to Attorney Khan or anyone else who wishes to discuss these issues.
3. The allegations apparently released by Mr. Khan yesterday come from a disgruntled former employee, a challenge which nearly every business and governmental manager faces from time to time. The public demands more from those of us in public office, and they should. I want to assure the people of the 49th Ward that I will continue to hold myself and my staff to the highest standards of taxpayer accountability and ethical responsibility.



4. The issues involved were personnel matters--not political ones. The so-called staff overpayments mentioned in the report were not made during a political campaign, or for any purpose other than to compensate those terminated employees for unused vacation days, uncompensated overtime, and to ease their transitions to other employment during hard economic times. No political games were played with this money. This is as important to me as it is to every taxpayer in this city.
5. I have consistently operated my ward service office in the best interests of Chicago taxpayers. Not only do my staff members frequently work far more than 40 hours a week, but I regularly contribute thousands of dollars to operate my aldermanic office so that my constituents can be served in the best manner possible.

My career in public service has been guided by two core values: openness and accountability. From community policing to participatory budgeting, I have worked hand in hand with the people of the 49th Ward in the battle for governmental reform and accountability. I look forward to continuing that fight.