
From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 2:26 PM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: Liliana Collazo, Office of the Mayor, Miami-Dade County (Gifts, Section 2-11.1(e); Exploitation of Official Position), Section 2-11.1(g) INQ 15-38
Attachments: Youth Fair.pdf

INQ 15-38 Collazo

From: Collazo, Liliana (Office of the Mayor)
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 2:21 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Cc: Agrippa, Christopher (COC); Cave, Linda (COC); Diaz, Fara (COC); Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE); Murawski, Michael P. (COE)
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Understood. I will follow the Clerk's Office transaction records to ensure we are complying in the same manner as we do with other ticket distribution events.

Thank you again.

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From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 2:20 PM
To: Collazo, Liliana (Office of the Mayor)
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Ms. Collazo:

They may be distributed through the Mayor's office as long as the proper guidelines are followed.
Joe Centorino

From: Collazo, Liliana (Office of the Mayor)
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 2:16 PM
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Mr. Centorino –

One additional question. Can the Office of the Mayor handle the distribution of these tickets and keep a record of how they were distributed or should they be handled by someone outside from our office?

Thank you again for your time.

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Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 2:12 PM
To: Collazo, Liliana (Office of the Mayor)
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Ms. Collazo:

You have inquired concerning the handling of complimentary admission tickets received by the Mayor and other senior staff members to the Miami-Dade County Youth Fair. These tickets have been provided by the Youth Fair, a County contractor, pursuant to a letter indicating that they are for distribution to deserving members of the public. They are not intended for the personal use of the Mayor or his staff. In accordance with previously adopted policies by the Commission on Ethics relating to the acceptance of public benefits, they are to be considered as County property to be dispensed as any other County property or resource would be utilized and must be used for public purposes. Therefore, the distribution of these tickets must be accounted for in a public record and must be distributed in a way that benefits the public. This could include distribution to deserving non-profit or charitable groups as well as dispensing them to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis or other random distribution. Improper use of such resources by public officials or employees for personal purposes could be considered an Exploitation of Official Position under Section 2-11.1(g) of the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code.

Please let me know should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Centorino
Executive Director and General Counsel
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: Collazo, Liliana (Office of the Mayor)
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 2:59 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)

Cc: Agrippa, Christopher (COC); Cave, Linda (COC); Diaz, Fara (COC)

Subject: Youth Fair tickets

Mr. Centorino –

Thank you for taking my call this afternoon. As discussed, I have attached a copy of one of the letters we have received from the Dade County Youth Fair providing staff with admission tickets. So far we have received:

8 envelopes with 50 complimentary admission tickets (received today);

4 envelopes with 100 complimentary admission tickets (received 2 weeks ago);

Initially, the first 4 envelopes I received I forwarded to the Clerk of the Board to handle in the same manner we handle the lottery of the Marlins Tickets. However, we felt that we needed further review by your Office to determine how to handle. For your information, each admission ticket has a value of \$8.00. I have copied the Clerk of the Board to include them in the final determination of this process.

If I can provide you with any further information, please feel free to contact me at 305-375-5427 or via email;

Thank you for your assistance.

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March 5, 2015

Mr. Russell Benford
Miami-Dade County
Office of the Mayor
111 NW First Street - 29th Floor
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Mr. Benford:

Each spring, the Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition is proud to welcome over 600,000 guests to what is one of the most popular and educational events in Miami-Dade County. During our now twenty-one day Youth Fair approximately 25% of Miami-Dade County residents visit the fairgrounds.

Unfortunately, there are those whose economic or other circumstances will prevent them from sharing in The Youth Fair this year. We strive to make it possible for all youngsters and their families to experience The Youth Fair. In that spirit, we reach out to groups in our community. As part of that effort, I'm delighted to provide fifty (50) one-day admission tickets to The 2015 Youth Fair for your office to distribute as you deem appropriate to deserving groups and individuals within your district. The admission tickets are valid any one day of the 2015 Youth Fair, March 12th through April 5th. Please note that this year The Youth Fair will be closed on March 16-17 & 30-31. Also, please keep in mind that youngsters 5 years and under and adults 65 years of age and better are admitted free every day, all day and do not require an admission ticket.

Of course The Youth Fair is fun – the rides, the midways, the food – but it's much more than that. It's the time spent with friends and family. It's having your essay or project displayed for everyone to see. It's learning about animals and agriculture. For many of our children The Youth Fair is the only time they will see a cow, or a pig, or a lamb.

And a high school senior from each Miami-Dade County public high school will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for college expenses. Including private, parochial, charter and home schools we will award over \$100,000 in academic scholarships in 2015. Throughout our 64-year history, The Youth Fair has given well over \$10 million in scholarships, cash prizes and awards to local students.

I know the children and their families will enjoy The Youth Fair, and I look forward to seeing them at another terrific Youth Fair this year!

Sincerely,
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FAIR & EXPOSITION, INC.



Bob Hohenstein
President & Chief Executive Officer

