

Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)

From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2016 9:30 AM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: Carlos Gimenez, Mayor, Miami-Dade County (Gifts, Tickets) INQ 16-211

INQ 16-211 Weiss

From: Weiss, Michael J. (Office of the Mayor)
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2016 5:59 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE) <CENTORI@miamidade.gov>
Cc: Turay, Radia (COE) <Radia.Turay@miamidade.gov>; Perez, Martha D. (COE) <perezmd@miamidade.gov>; Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE) <GDIAZGR@miamidade.gov>; Murawski, Michael P. (COE) <MURAWSK@miamidade.gov>; Sanchez, Gerald (CAO) <gks@miamidade.gov>; Kirtley, Eddie (CAO) <kirtley@miamidade.gov>; Lopez, Gaby (Office of the Mayor) <Gaby.Lopez@miamidade.gov>
Subject: RE: INQ 16-211 Carlos Gimenez, Mayor, Miami-Dade County (Gifts, Tickets)

Dear Director Centorino,

Thank you for your help. We have elected to return the tickets to the Miami FC. Have a good evening.

Best,

Michael Weiss

From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2016 5:11 PM
To: Weiss, Michael J. (Office of the Mayor) <Michael.Weiss@miamidade.gov>
Cc: Turay, Radia (COE) <Radia.Turay@miamidade.gov>; Perez, Martha D. (COE) <perezmd@miamidade.gov>; Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE) <GDIAZGR@miamidade.gov>; Murawski, Michael P. (COE) <MURAWSK@miamidade.gov>; Sanchez, Gerald (CAO) <gks@miamidade.gov>; Kirtley, Eddie (CAO) <kirtley@miamidade.gov>
Subject: INQ 16-211 Carlos Gimenez, Mayor, Miami-Dade County (Gifts, Tickets)

Mr. Weiss:

You have inquired on behalf of Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez regarding the letter included below, pursuant to which the Mayor would dispose of 500 complimentary tickets to a professional soccer game received at his office unsolicited in an envelope containing the business card of a "J. Santiago," identified as an Account Executive with the Miami Football Club. There is no face value indicated on the tickets, but it is obvious that the tickets have a collective value in excess of \$100. You have indicated that there is no indication that the County has any contractual agreement with the Miami Football Club, and that there are no registered lobbyists in the County representing Miami Football Club.

In the event that Miami Football Club is a County vendor or contractor or employs a lobbyist in the County, the Mayor could not accept these tickets, as Section 112.3148, Florida Statutes prohibits elected officials from accepting any gift valued at over \$100 from a County vendor or lobbyist.

Since the tickets have not been provided pursuant to any agreement with the County whereby they would constitute legal consideration under an existing County contract (which would make them County property which could be disposed

of by him for any valid public purpose), they are considered to be a gift to the Mayor under Section 2-11.1(e) of the County Ethics Code. The Mayor would not be prohibited from accepting the gift and transferring the gift to the YMCA, as proposed. However, under either scenario, the Mayor would be required to report the gift of the tickets under Section 2-11.1(e)(4) of the County Ethics Code since they were provided directly to him without consideration and their value exceeds \$100.

In the event that the Mayor elects to return the tickets to the Miami Football Club he would not be considered to have received a gift and there would be no disclosure requirement.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Centorino

Executive Director and General Counsel
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust
19 W. Flagler Street, Suite 820
Miami, FL 33130
Tel: (305) 579-2594
Fax: (305) 579-0273
ethics.miamidade.gov



From: Weiss, Michael J. (Office of the Mayor)
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2016 2:06 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE) <CENTORI@miamidade.gov>
Subject: Follow Up and Text of the Letter

Dear Sir,

As per our discussion and for your review:

“September 7, 2016

Honorable Sue Loyzelle, Councilwoman
Director of Government Relations, YMCA of South Florida
900 SE 3 Avenue #300
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316

Dear Councilwoman Loyzelle:

On September 14, 2016 at 8:00 p.m., the Miami FC will be playing the Carolina Railhawks. The Miami FC has provided my office with general admission tickets for this game. Due to Miami-Dade County's ticket distribution policy, I cannot accept this generous gift. However, on behalf of Miami-Dade County, I would like to donate 125 tickets to the YMCA of South Florida for proper distribution to the families who are less fortunate in our community.

Thank you for your service to the residents of Miami-Dade County.

Sincerely,"

Thank you for your help.

Best,

Michael Weiss

Michael J. Weiss, Esq.
Policy and Legislative Affairs Analyst
Office of the Mayor
Miami-Dade County
111 NW 1 Street, 29th Floor
Direct Line: 305.375.1226
E-mail: mweiss@miamidade.gov
www.miamidade.gov
www.miamidade.gov/mayor/