
INQ 16-35 James

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From: Perez, Martha D. (COE)

Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 4:17 PM

To: LatondaJ@nhssf.org

Cc: Centorino, Joseph (COE) <CENTORI@miamidade.gov>; Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE) <GDIAZGR@miamidade.gov>

Subject: Latonda James, MDEAT board member, Gifts, INQ 16-35

Dear Ms. James,

Thank you for responding back so quickly. You inquire whether you may make a donation of \$125.00 to attend a Campaign Kick Off for Dr. Steve Gallon, who is running for a seat in the Miami-Dade School Board. Although you do not know the specific entity sponsoring this event, the event is being hosted by approximately twelve individuals, including your pastor, Dr. Solomon Stinson. The event is not connected to the County or to the Miami-Dade County Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) in which you serve.

Political campaign contributions are not considered personal gifts under the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance. See Section 2-11.1(e)(2)(a) of the County Ethics Code. Consequently, you do not have a conflict of interest which may prohibit you from purchasing this ticket or making a political contribution to the Campaign Kick Off event for Dr. Gallon provided there are no quid pro quo understandings involving decisions made by you as a board member of MDEAT in consideration of the campaign contribution. See Section 2-11.1(g), County Ethics Code.

This opinion is based on the facts as presented. If any of these facts change, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Martha D. Perez

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From: Thompson, Robert A. (COE)

Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 2:51 PM

To: Centorino, Joseph (COE) <CENTORI@miamidade.gov>
Subject: FW: Ethics Question

Greetings Joe, please see the e-mail below.
Robert Thompson

-----Original Message-----

From: LaTonda James [mailto:LatondaJ@nhssf.org]
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 10:02 AM
To: Thompson, Robert A. (COE)
Subject: Ethics Question

Hello,

I was given your email by Traci Pollock. I am a board member of MDEAT and a group is hosting a fundraiser for a fellow board member. My question is am I allowed to make a donation to attend event and can I attend event if someone else purchases a ticket for me.

Thank you,

LaTonda James