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Walker, Ardyth (COE)

From: Walker, Ardyth (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2003 9:47 AM
To: Romano, J.C. (DPM)
Subject: RE: Question?

The Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance permits you to solicit sponsorships for the volleyball club as long as you do not handle any procurement matters for the persons from whom you are soliciting donations. The Commission has previously found that employees may solicit gifts on behalf of non-profit organizations as part of outside civic work. (See attached opinion) Please be advised, however, that although you do not have a legal conflict of interest, an appearance of a conflict may be created since you work for the procurement department.

I apologize for the delay in getting back to you. Please call me if you have any additional questions.



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

From: Romano, J.C. (DPM)
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2002 9:12 AM
To: Walker, Ardyth (COE)
Subject: Question?

Ardyth,

As per Robert Thompson I am writing you this scenario question.

This summer a friend and I created a Volleyball Club for girls as a Non-for -Profit organization. We are starting with just one team of about 8-9 girls 16 years old and under. Each parent will have paid approximately \$1,000.00 by seasons end in May 2003. Compared to over \$1,600 that the other local club charges, due to the fact that they include transportation and hotel for the tournaments..... We don't! We have been working on getting some sponsors for our club. I have two friends that I have known for over 15 years because our kids have been in school together since kindergarten. They both do business with the County, however, in my nine years as an agent I have never done any work related dealings with either of them. As a Senior Purchasing Agent I handle food and appliances and animal care and supplies. They in turn are in the locksmith business and the canvas awning business. My question, as you should know by now. Can I proceed to ask them to sponsor our team?

NOTE:

I was just promoted to Contracting Officer in the RFP unit and will be starting at that position on January 2003. I don't think that I would be dealing with either of them as a RFP contracting officer.

Please advise?

J.C. Romano

