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**Sent:** Monday, April 02, 2018 11:44 AM  
**To:** Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)  
**Subject:** Marlon Hill, Esq., Miami Parking Authority (Gifts. Travel Expenses) INQ 18-76  
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INQ 18-76 Hill

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**To:** 'Lauren Anderson' <[landerson@aiefdn.org](mailto:landerson@aiefdn.org)>  
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Thank you, Joe.

Would you be able to send us what you wrote below as an attachment on letterhead?

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Thanks Joe.

I will submit accordingly.

**Marlon A. Hill, Esq.**

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**Subject:** INQ 18-76 Marlon Hill, Esq., Miami Parking Authority (Gifts. Travel Expenses)

Mr. Hill:

You have inquired regarding whether, pursuant to the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code, you may accept an overseas trip to Israel offered by American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) to attend an educational seminar along with other business and elected officials. You have made this inquiry in connection with your position as a member of the board of the Miami Parking Authority, an agency of the City of Miami. AIEF is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization which is affiliated with pro-Israel groups and provides educational seminars for political and civic leaders in support of its mission. AIEF is not a contractor, vendor, service provider, bidder or proposer with the City of Miami or the Miami Parking Authority. It receives no grant or other funding from the City of Miami or from your agency.

Section 2-11.1(e) of the Ethics Code governs gifts to individuals such as yourself. The provision of this overseas trip would qualify as a "gift" under the ordinance. There is a general prohibition in Section 2-11.1(e) which would apply to any gift provided or accepted by a person or entity in connection with an official public action or performance of a legal duty which has been taken or could be taken by the official in question. This prohibition would not apply to an educational program provided by a charitable organization that has no pending interest in any official action you may have or will be taking on behalf of the Miami Parking Authority, and which is providing the gift in connection with its charitable purposes. Additionally, Section 2-11.1(w), which prohibits the acceptance by a local public official of travel or

travel-related expenses from a contractor, service provider, bidder or proposer of the official's public agency, would also not apply since the AIEF does not fit within any of those categories. Therefore, it is my opinion that you are not prohibited from accepting this overseas trip provided by AIEF.

However, inasmuch as it is a gift that is undoubtedly valued over \$100, and you are a public official required by the State of Florida to file annual financial disclosure, your acceptance of the gift must be disclosed on the State of Florida Quarterly Gift Disclosure Form 9 (attached).

Please contact me should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Joe Centorino

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Joe – please see attached regarding overseas trip to Israel with AIEF Education Seminar on April 21-28. I will be traveling with about 25 other business and elected officials. See attached invitation letter.

I would appreciate your remission of an ethics opinion letter from the Miami Dade County Ethics Commission in compliance with the request below.

Thanks for your attention.

Regards,

Marlon Hill  
305-244-4456 (cell)



*Ethics Approval to Travel with the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)*

Good afternoon,

On your participant confirmation form, you indicated that you are “an elected or appointed governmental official, a government employee, or serve in another public capacity”. As such, you must submit an ethics approval letter to participate on the AIEF Education Seminar in Israel. Please provide a letter that fulfills the following criteria:

- Letter should come from your counsel or governing ethics authority
- Must appear on official letterhead
- Should provide clear language affirming that participation in the AIEF Educational Seminar in Israel does not violate any ethics rules associated with your position
- Provided in digital format as an email attachment
- Must be received by AIEF at least 10 business days before travel

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to [landerson@aiefdn.org](mailto:landerson@aiefdn.org).

Kind regards,

Lauren Anderson  
Israel Seminars Coordinator, AIEF



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March 30, 2018

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