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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 11:02 AM
To: Deblois, Jenny (ETSD)
Cc: Arnold, Fannie (ETSD)
Subject: RE: Question regarding fundraising

Hi Jenny:

You should not approach Krispy Kreme and request a discount. The county ethics code prohibits employees from soliciting gifts – and a discount is considered a gift. The only exception to the "no solicitation rule" is when the solicitation is made in one's official capacity for official county business. I do not believe that reducing the cost of the ETSD holiday party is official county business. If you want to purchase the doughnuts at full price and then turn around and sell them for a profit, with the proceeds will go to the holiday party, that's perfectly acceptable.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Thanks,

Robert
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From: Deblois, Jenny (ETSD)
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2008 2:39 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Cc: Arnold, Fannie (ETSD)
Subject: Question regarding fundraising

Hi Robert, hope you're doing well.

Have a question for you. ETSD employees want to have a fundraiser to raise funds for their holiday party. One of the things they wanted to do is approach Krispy Kreme (a doughnut company) to get donuts at a reduced cost, which they can, in turn sell to other ETSD employees and turn a profit. All proceed would go to reduce the cost of the ETSD holiday party.

Is there a problem with doing this? Are there any issues we should be concerned with?

By the way, I'll be moving to the Aviation Department in a couple of weeks, so I would appreciate you also copying Ms. Fannie Arnold from ETSD in your reply.

Thanks!

Jenny Deblois
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