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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2008 12:59 PM
To: Fernandez-Morin, Marcia (Aviation); Murawski, Michael P. (COE)
Subject: RE: gift donations to United Way

Ms. Fernandez-Morin:

It has also been my opinion that a person who does not directly benefit from the gift has nothing to report. For example, if you receive concert tickets and donate them to charity, you have not actually benefited from the gift and therefore would have nothing to declare. I generally recommend employees who realize that they are not going to keep the gift to advise the donor and then have the donor give the gift to the third party. If you follow this approach, there is clearly nothing for you to report because you never accepted it in the first place. If you decide to accept the gift and then donate it, I would maintain a personal file with the following information – recipient, amount, date of gift – in the event there was ever a question about the gift.

Your question is a fairly common one and I will ask the Ethics Commission at our next meeting whether it agrees with my interpretation. It would not have any bearing on gifts to charity in 2008, but if the Ethics Commission were to take the position that such transferred gifts should be reported, it most likely would take effect in 2009.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
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Thanks Michael,

I look forward to receiving Mr. Meyers reply.

Best regards,

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