

Ethics (COE)

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From: Ethics (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2008 10:42 AM
To: Martinez, Orlando (ETSD)
Subject: RE: Need your help to answer a question

Mr. Martinez,

There are two ways of handling this situation. Given the fact you made significant purchases on behalf of the County and you stand to reap the benefit, you can declare the benefit as a gift, although this is the less desirable option. The more desirable option is for you to turn over to the County any benefit you are entitled to as a result of these emergency purchases. Practically speaking, this means that if the \$40,000 worth of purchases gives you discounts on future purchases or free items, the discounts or free items are used in connection with any future County purchases. It would be improper for you to personally benefit from rewards you receive on account of your County purchases.

If Best Buy doesn't charge more for items for those who aren't members, then do not use the membership card in the future when you make purchases for the County. The other option is for the County to become a member of the Best Buy program and authorize you to use the card issued in the name of the County.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust
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From: Martinez, Orlando (ETSD)
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2008 9:51 AM
To: Ethics (COE)
Subject: RE: Need your help to answer a question

Mr. Meyers

Answer to your question:

By being a member of the Best Buy program, do stand to personally benefit from all the purchases you make?

Yes

If you didn't use your Best Buy membership would it cost the County more to make the emergency purchases?

No, additional cost to the County.

What is the approximate value of the items you purchased for the County through this program?

Around \$40k

I have already spoken to Finance Dept and they don't have a rule on this issue and referred me to Ethics

From: Ethics (COE)
Sent: Fri 3/7/2008 4:37 PM
To: Martinez, Orlando (ETSD)
Subject: RE: Need your help to answer a question

Mr. Martinez:

By being a member of the Best Buy program, do stand to personally benefit from all the purchases you make? Also, if you didn't use your Best Buy membership would it cost the County more to make the emergency purchases? Finally, what is the approximate value of the items you purchased for the County through this program?

Thanks,

Robert Meyers

From: Martinez, Orlando (ETSD)
Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2008 9:18 AM
To: Ethics (COE)
Subject: RE: Need your help to answer a question

Good morning Robert,

Thanks. Well this is what happen, I would like your input and tell me how it can be fix.

I do go out once in a while to make emergency purchases to Best Buy for PD, 911, and other County Departments and special projects. The County is not a member of the Best Buy program but I am. So I used my membership on a few purchase. I figure it was not a big deal since I was not hurting the County and I was not stealing. What should I do to rectify the situation?

Orlando Martinez Jr.

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From: Ethics (COE)

3/12/2008

Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2008 9:16 AM
To: Martinez, Orlando (ETSD)
Subject: RE: Need your help to answer a question

I am not sure I understand the question. If you are asking me whether County employees can participate in Customer Loyalty programs, I see no reason why they would be prohibited from doing so. These programs are available to all shoppers and County employees are not receiving anything special from these retailers. If I am missing the point of your e-mail, please clarify your question for me.

Thank you,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director

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From: Martinez, Orlando (ETSD)
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 11:01 AM
To: Ethics (COE)
Subject: FW: Need your help to answer a question

Good Afternoon,

I need your help to answer a question. I review the credit card manual and could not find an answer. Can you help me find the answer or point me the right way? Thx

What is the policy for Store's Customer Loyalty Program?

I know the Public, CVS, Winn Dixie, Petco, Pet Supermarket, Pizza Hut, and some restaurant offer benefits to customer that shop at there store. Those programs are tailored to indivisible and not to companies and don't add any additional cost to the County. I don't think it effect the County in anyway but I would like to know if there is a policy in place. Thx

Second request

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