

Frigo, Victoria (COE)

From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2012 3:46 PM
To: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Subject: INQ - Mayor Carlos Gimenez

I received a call from Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez, calling on behalf of Mayor Carlos Gimenez. Mayor Gimenez received from the Florida Marlins a voucher for ten complimentary turkey dinners, in connection with Thanksgiving. It is the Mayor's intent to distribute the dinners through a charitable organization. The inquiry was whether this could be accepted and/or whether it required reporting. I informed Mr. Sanchez that it would appear that the purpose of the complimentary dinners was not for Mayor Gimenez's personal use but rather for distribution to the public. As such, it may be considered county property which has been entrusted to the Mayor and which must be utilized for an appropriate public purpose. I advised Mr. Sanchez that any of the public purposes enumerated in connection with this agency's ticket policy addendum, among which is included distribution to a charitable agency, would be an appropriate disposition of the dinners. Since they were apparently provided for a public or governmental purpose, they would not be considered a gift under the County ordinance, and, therefore, would not need to be reported by Mayor Gimenez.

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