

Frigo, Victoria (COE)

From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2013 6:15 PM
To: Padron, Joanne (DIST7)
Cc: Frigo, Victoria (COE); Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE); Sanchez, Gerald (CAO)
Subject: INQ - Commissioner Xavier Suarez - Annual Unity Dinner

Commissioner Suarez:

You have inquired concerning any special reporting requirements for you and your staff members, who have been invited to attend the Theodore Roosevelt Gibson Memorial Fund 31st Annual Unity Dinner. The table where you will be seated has been donated.

Pursuant to Section 2-11.1(e)(1) of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance, the acceptance of a complimentary dinner, paid for by a third party, would qualify as a "gift." Section 2-11.1(e)(4) requires disclosure by you or your staff members of any gift having a value in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The disclosure would be on the appropriate state form and should be filed with the clerk of the Board of County Commissioners. It is the responsibility of you and your staff members to ascertain the reasonable value of the gift, which should be easily determined if there is a set fee for admission to the dinner. If the value is less than \$100.00, there is no reporting requirement.

You did not mention the source of the gift, but, as I am sure you are well aware, the gift would be prohibited under Section 2-11.1(e)(3) if it were connected in any way by any expectation, promise or request that it be accepted in connection with any official action by you or your staff members.

Please do not hesitate to call me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Centorino, Executive Director and General Counsel
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: Padron, Joanne (DIST7)
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2013 10:59 AM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Subject: Message from Commissioner Xavier Suarez

Please be advised that my staff and I have been invited to attend the Theodore Roosevelt Gibson Memorial Fund 31st Annual Unity Dinner on Sunday, October 20. From my perspective, it is required attendance for my staff and part of their job (also bearing in mind that many celebrate the Sabbath on Sunday). The table where my staff will be seated has been donated. Are there any special reporting requirements?

Xavier L. Suarez
Commissioner
District 7