Frigo, Victoria (COE)

| From: | Frigo, Victoria (COE) |
|--------------|---|
| Sent: | Monday, November 18, 2013 4:26 PM |
| То: | Hall, Beverly (ISD) |
| Cc: | Centorino, Joseph (COE); Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE) |
| Subject: | Donation Letter INQ 13-291 |
| Attachments: | INQ 03-124 Terrence D Thompson.pdf |

Ms. Hall,

Attached is the ethics opinion given to Mr. Thompson in 2003. We do not have a form letter on file to use for solicitations.

In general, under the County Ethics Code, only County Commissioners and their staff members are allowed to solicit gifts on behalf of nonprofit organizations. (*See* Miami-Dade County Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (e)(2)(g).)

However, when activities to support the United Way are explicitly sanctioned by the Mayor or Board of County Commissioners, ISD employees may solicit gifts for United Way, but they can never target County vendors or County contractors.

In many cases, in order to avoid the appearance of a *quid pro quo* arrangement, a preferred way to handle solicitations would be to have the United Way staff contact potential contributors.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me or my colleague, Gilma Diaz-Greco, Staff

Sincerely,

VICTORIA FRIGO, SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY

Direct Phone: 305 350-0601 Main Number: 305 579-2594 Fax: 305 579-0273

miamidade.cov*

19 West Flagler St., Suite 820 Miami, FL 33130

Miami-Dade County is a public entity subject to Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes concerning public records. E-mail messages are covered under such laws and thus subject to disclosure.

From: Hall, Beverly (ISD)
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2013 2:27 PM
To: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Subject: FW: Donation Letter

Ms. Frigo,

ISD would like to ask for a donation from Publix for a \$100.00 gift card and a turkey for the raffle we are having for United Way. Do you have a sample letter we can use? It is my understanding that one was submitted and reviewed by Ethics for Terrence Thompson a few years ago. Unfortunately, he cannot locate it. Please advise. Thank you.

From: Moljo, Dorothy (ISD) Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2013 2:00 PM **To:** Hall, Beverly (ISD) **Subject:** FW: Donation Letter

FYI⊗

From: Thompson, Terrence (ISD)
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2013 1:51 PM
To: Moljo, Dorothy (ISD)
Subject: RE: Donation Letter

Sorry Dorothy, I have searched my system from top to bottom and I can't find anything remotely close to that.

Terrence D. Thompson Miami-Dade County Internal Services Department 2225 N.W. 72nd Ave, Miami, FL 33122 305-592-3752 (P) 305-592-3616 (F) <u>" Delivering Excellence Every Day"</u>

From: Moljo, Dorothy (ISD)
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2013 1:40 PM
To: Thompson, Terrence (ISD)
Subject: RE: Donation Letter

Okay. Let me know either way. Thanks.

Dorothy

Dorothy Moljo, Personnel Specialist 2 Miami-Dade County Internal Services Department/Personnel Section Phone (305) 375-1530 "Delivering Excellence Every Day"

From: Thompson, Terrence (ISD)Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2013 1:36 PMTo: Moljo, Dorothy (ISD)Subject: RE: Donation Letter

Hi Dorothy,

Not sure if I still have that. I will look for it but no promises.

Terrence D. Thompson Miami-Dade County Internal Services Department 2225 N.W. 72nd Ave, Miami, FL 33122 305-592-3752 (P) 305-592-3616 (F) <u>" Delivering Excellence Every Day"</u>

From: Moljo, Dorothy (ISD) Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2013 1:29 PM **To:** Thompson, Terrence (ISD) **Subject:** Donation Letter

Good Afternoon Terrence,

I was referred to you by Aimee Cabrera. Could you please provide me with a copy of the letter you have that was approved by the Ethics Committee to request donations. Thank you.

Dorothy

Dorothy Moljo, Personnel Specialist 2 Miami-Dade County Internal Services Department/Personnel Section Phone (305) 375-1530 "Delivering Excellence Every Day"