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From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 2:15 PM
To: Zapata, Juan C. (DIST11); Cornejo, Stephanie (DIST11)
Cc: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Subject: RE: Authrization for a meal- INQ 14-20
Attachments: Microsoft form- INQ 14-20.pdf

Commissioner Zapata,

You have inquired whether you may accept a gift of a meal valued at \$25 from Microsoft, a County vendor, for an event they are sponsoring called YouthSpark. This event is being offered in conjunction with Miami Dade College, and the Brookings Institution. Its purpose is to explore current research on youth, education, and opportunities to better meet the requirements of the labor market through education. Leaders from Miami education, government, and the civic community will meet to discuss and share their insights and perspectives to address the youth opportunity divide in the area of technology education.

As a County Commissioner, you are allowed to accept a gift worth \$25 from Microsoft, as long as the gift is not part of travel expenses and the gift is not given with the expectation that a special benefit from you through the County will be given in return. *See* the County Code at Secs. 2-11.1 (w) and (e)(3). Also, please be advised that under Sec. 2-11.1(e)(4), if you or an immediate family member (by virtue of your being a County Commissioner) receives a gift or gifts from Microsoft during this first quarter of 2014, and the total of all gifts received from Microsoft during this quarter exceeds \$100, you are required to disclose the gifts on a form prescribed by the County by March 31, 2014.

Attached is the completed and signed Microsoft form for this event. Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Gilma (Mimi) Diaz-Greco
Staff Attorney



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From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2014 10:03 AM
To: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Subject: FW: Authrization for a meal

This is the same event as that for Alvaro Muniz, but is for County Commissioner Juan Zapata. I think that the same letter can be issued, but I will need to sign the authorization. Please assist.

From: Cornejo, Stephanie (DIST11)
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2014 12:48 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Subject: Authrization for a meal

Dear Mr. Centorino,

I need authorization to receive a meal for Commissioner Juan Zapata with a total value of under \$25 from Microsoft for an event on Feb. 6th. The form is attached. Gilma Diaz-Greco had processed the same form for Alvaro Muniz in our office recently. Please let me know if I need to provide any additional information and thank you in advance for your time.

Kind Regards,

Stephanie

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The YouthSpark Connection Event Series is a Microsoft event where breakfast or lunch, or appetizers and refreshments will be made available to attendees at no charge. The total value of the meals per attendee is under USD \$25. Microsoft wants to ensure that by offering the items it does not violate the letter or spirit of your applicable gifts and ethics rules.

Please have your ethics officer (or designated executive/office responsible for your organization's gifts/ethics policy) or responsible attorney review this information, sign in the space provided, and return a scanned copy to Microsoft via email or fax to Patricia Huerta v-pahuer@microsoft.com or 213-687-7327, or mail a signed copy of the letter to: Mary Anne Keefe, One Microsoft Way Redmond, WA 98052. The attendee may bring a signed copy of this letter to the YouthSpark Connection Event Series and provide it at the time of registration, although prior approval is preferred.

Note: If there are several attendees from one agency or educational institution, one letter for all may be provided with names and titles of attendees attached.

Attendee's Name (Please Print):

Commissioner Juan Zapata

Name of Attendee's Organization/Employer (Please Print):

Miami - Dade County Board of County Commissioners

Approved - Counsel or Ethics Officer Name (Please Print):

GILMA DIAZ-GRECO

Signature:

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Title (Please Print):

Staff Attorney

Organization Name (Please Print):

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Date:

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