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INQ 15-166 Narine

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Subject: Re: Where can I find guidelines on donating to political campaigns or attending fundraisers - Commissioner Narine

Done. I can put that money toward a vacation fund. Thanks again!

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On Aug 5, 2015, at 10:58 AM, Murawski, Michael P. (COE) <MURAWSK@miamidade.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Commissioner:

The good news is, you're going to save some money. I discussed the issue with Mimi, Joe and the County Attorney's Office and we all agree that the prohibitions in the enabling ordinance are very broad and were meant to shield Ethics Commissioners from any involvement in partisan politics. Although this issue has come up informally before, we have no formal opinions or any other precedent that created any exception to the enabling ordinance. Accordingly, it is highly recommended that you avoid contributing to any fundraiser or political party.

Regards,

Mike

From: Narine, Marcia L. [<mailto:MNarine@STU.EDU>]

Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 5:35 PM

To: Murawski, Michael P. (COE)

Subject: Re: Where can I find guidelines on donating to political campaigns or attending fundraisers - Commissioner Narine

And if there's even a question about whether it's borderline I won't even bother. Can save money!

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On Aug 4, 2015, at 5:15 PM, Murawski, Michael P. (COE) <MURAWSK@miamidade.gov> wrote:

Of course.... I will try to get you a definitive answer by Thursday the latest.

From: Narine, Marcia L. [<mailto:MNarine@STU.EDU>]

Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 5:14 PM

To: Murawski, Michael P. (COE)

Subject: Re: Where can I find guidelines on donating to political campaigns or attending fundraisers - Commissioner Narine

Thanks. There is a debate watch party this Thursday and it's also a fundraiser for a congressperson. I also have law school classmates running for congress (out of state) and have been in the past a contributor to Democratic Party. I don't want to run afoul of any rules or have the appearance of impropriety.

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On Aug 4, 2015, at 5:10 PM, Murawski, Michael P. (COE) <MURAWSK@miamidade.gov> wrote:

Hi Commissioner:

The enabling ordinance ([Miami-Dade code at Sec. 2-1069](#)) states that ethics commissioners shall not:

Hold or campaign for any elective political office

Hold office in any political party or political committee

Actively participate in or contribute to any political campaign or political action committee

Be employed by Miami-Dade County or any municipality within Miami-Dade County or

Allow his/her name to be used by a campaign in support of or against any candidate for political office or any referendum or other ballot question. Nothing herein shall preclude a member of the Ethics Commission from signing a petition in support of or against any referendum or ballot question.

I believe we may have interpreted this in the past as only being applicable to campaigns within Miami-Dade County but I can check with Mimi Diaz-Greco to see if we ever gave an actual opinion on it. Joe should be back from vacation Thursday.

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