
From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
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From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Monday, November 02, 2015 3:11 PM
To: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE); Perez, Martha D. (COE)
Subject: INQ 15-247 Joanna Cervone, Aide to MDC Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava (Gifts)

Joanna Cervone, Aide to Miami-Dade County Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava, inquired concerning whether she could accept a free weekend hotel stay in connection with a program sponsored by Ruth's List, a 501(c)(4) organization involved in political endorsements, which had endorsed Commissioner Levine Cava. She advised that she was accepted into the program by way of her personal application. All individuals who are accepted into the program are afforded complimentary hotel accommodations for the weekend program, though they must bear their own transportation and incidental costs. She did not believe that Ruth's List receives any County funding or provides any services to the County as a vendor or contractor. She said the program has no connection to her work on behalf of Commissioner Levine Cava, though it could be that her acceptance into the program may have taken her public position into consideration.

I advised Ms. Cervone that, assuming there was no connection to her County position or any decision or action that she or her employer might be taking, and the fact that the entity involved does not have any contractual connection with the County, there would be no prohibition on her acceptance of the complimentary hotel stay. She was advised, however, that she should determine the value of the hotel accommodations for the purpose of reporting it as a gift on the County gift disclosure form.

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