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**To:** 'Haber, Matthew S.'  
**Cc:** Murawski, Michael P. (COE); Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE); Mendez, Victoria  
**Subject:** RE: INQ - Matt Haber, Assistant City Attorney, City of Miami (Gifts)

Mr. Haber:

I apologize for the error. Obviously, the opinion was intended to apply to City of Miami officials, not City of Miami Beach. Thanks for getting this clarified.

Joe Centorino

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**From:** Haber, Matthew S. [<mailto:MSHaber@miamigov.com>]  
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**Subject:** Re: INQ - Matt Haber, Assistant City Attorney, City of Miami (Gifts)

Good morning Mr. Centorino,

Thank you again for yesterday's opinion and for providing it on such short notice.

After reviewing the opinion, we would like to confirm, for purposes of our records, that this inquiry was on behalf of the City of Miami's elected officials and not those of Miami Beach.

Thank you again. We are grateful for the quick turn around.

Matthew

On Mar 19, 2015, at 5:45 PM, "Centorino, Joseph (COE)" <[CENTORI@miamidade.gov](mailto:CENTORI@miamidade.gov)> wrote:

Mr. Haber:

You have inquired on behalf of members of the Mayor and members of the Miami Beach City Commission regarding their reporting responsibilities in connection with an invitation from Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine for each of them and a guest to attend a special reception he is holding at the upcoming celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of Miami Beach. The celebration includes an area for free public admission, VIP seating ranging in price from \$55 to \$1000. There is no admission for the event sponsored by the Mayor, although it may be safely assumed that it has a value in excess of \$100 per person. Insofar as this is an event in commemoration of the history of an adjoining municipality; that the invitation is from the Mayor of that municipality; and that it has been extended to officials in the City of Miami by virtue of their public positions in an adjoining municipality, I believe that

there is a sufficient governmental or public purpose to the event that the public officials who attend the event may do so and are not required to report the event as a gift pursuant to Section 2-11.1(e)(4). However, since that governmental purpose would not extend to a spouse or guest accompanying the official, if any such official chooses to be accompanied by his or her spouse or a guest to the event, then the presence of the spouse or guest would trigger the requirement under Section 2-11.1(e)(4) for the official to report that as a gift to the official. Inasmuch as there is no ticket value, the official should use his or her best judgment in estimated the fair market value of the event, considering the location, food, drink or other special accommodations.

Sincerely,

***Joseph M. Centorino***

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