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Meyers, Robert (COE)

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Commissioner:

Per your request, I spoke to Robert Meyers regarding disclosure of certain gifts. The following is a brief summary and interpretation of my telephone conversation with Mr. Meyers.

Your specific concern related to a gift that was given to you by a group of residents. The value of the gift is presumed to be rather large and you wanted to know if acceptance of this gift was appropriate. After speaking with Mr. Meyers, he assured me that there was no problem with accepting the gift but that it should be reported along with the gift's estimated value.

Additionally, I inquired about the reporting requirements for birthday gifts. He mentioned that birthday gifts from friends, family, and staff do not need to be reported. He stated that birthday gifts from persons who deal in county business, who would not have given you a gift prior to your position as county commissioner, do need to be reported if the value of the gift is over \$25. I mentioned that you might have established relationships, prior to your position as county commissioner, with business people who would have given you a birthday gift. He reiterated that as long as the birthday gifts you are receiving would have been given to you prior to, or regardless of, your position as county commissioner, then there is no need to report.

I hope this helps.

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