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**Meyers, Robert (COE)**

**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 11, 2000 4:17 PM  
**To:** Kinglee, Taren (DP&Z)  
**Subject:** RE: Question for your review

Taren,

I finally had an opportunity to discuss this matter with our staff counsel and she and I do not see anything unethical about holding a fund-raiser for the described purposes. I do, however, have a few questions for you. Who decides which charity will benefit and what specific departmental activities will be sponsored by the proceeds? Would these decisions be made by a committee? Also, it would probably be a good idea to give your donations to different charities every year. Finally, if one of the decision-makers involved in disbursing the proceeds has an interest in a charity that is going to be a recipient, you must be careful.

I hope this helps. Please contact me if you need additional information.

Robert Meyers

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**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2000 3:04 PM  
**To:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Subject:** Question for your review

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Let's discuss this on  
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