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ETHICS

From: ETHICS
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2001 9:40 AM
To: Dawson, Connie (Park &Rec)
Subject: RE: opinion

Ms. Dawson,

Based on the facts you have provided me, I don't see a legal conflict that would prevent you from accepting the back pack. If your department has a regulation that bars accepting any gifts, you might have to return it. You should check with Yolanda Fuentes in your personnel department about the department's policy. Please keep in mind that if the gift is valued at \$25 or more, you need to file a gift disclosure form.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Robert Meyers
Executive Director, Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics

-----Original Message-----

From: Dawson, Connie (Park &Rec)
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2001 5:01 PM
To: 'ethics@miami-dade.gov'
Subject: opinion

To whom it may Concern:

I am the Grants manager in the Park and Recreation Department. This summer I participated on a review committee for the Oshman's Foundation. I reviewed grant applications (on my own time) and made recommendations for funding that were approved by the Oshman's Foundation.

I just received a letter and a REEBOK back pack from the Oshmans Foundation Thanking me for my time and energy. I did not submit an application for funding for myself or the Park's department. I did request approval from my supervisor to participate in the review process. Is it a conflict for me to accept the Back Pack? I don't think so, but the Department might be interested in applying next year.

Should I return the Back Pack?

Sincerely,
Connie Dawson
Grants Manager
Park and Recreation Department