

Prkic, Christina (COE)

From: Naya, Karen S. (COM) (305) 375-3776
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2003 12:13 PM
To: Prkic, Christina (COE); Meyers, Robert (COE)
Cc: Vasquez, Sonia B. (COM); Albano, Rebecca B. (COM)
Subject: RE: Ethics/conflict-of- interest question (Game tickets)

Thank you for clarifying.

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From: Prkic, Christina (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2003 11:09 AM
To: Naya, Karen S. (COM) (305) 375-3776
Subject: FW: Ethics/conflict-of- interest question (Game tickets)

Hi Karen:

Below is the County Attorney's response to your gift policy question. If you need further clarification, you may contact him.

Best regards,
 Christina Prkic
 Staff Attorney
 Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust
 P: (305) 350-0615

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From: Kraftchick, Lee (CA)
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2003 9:39 AM
To: Prkic, Christina (COE)
Subject: RE: Ethics/conflict-of- interest question (Game tickets)

Administrative Order 7-1 (Effective August 2, 2002) states:

No County employee shall accept any tip or gratuity in the discharge of his/her public duties.

If the tickets are given in connection with the discharge of public duties, they are forbidden. County employees should not be accepting gratuities in connection with their work.

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From: Prkic, Christina (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2003 12:07 PM
To: Kraftchick, Lee (CA)
Subject: FW: Ethics/conflict-of- interest question (Game tickets)

Hi Lee,

Below is a question pertaining to the County's gift policy our office received some time ago. The requester sent us a follow-up inquiry last week. I'm not certain if she contacted your office seeking clarification.

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Nevertheless, we would like to know your opinion on this matter, especially in light of the gift policy AO.

Thanks so much for your assistance.

Regards,

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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2003 10:03 AM
To: Prkic, Christina (COE)
Subject: FW: Ethics/conflict-of- interest question (Game tickets)

Per your request.

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From: Naya, Karen S. (COM) (305) 375-3776
Sent: Friday, June 13, 2003 6:11 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: FW: Ethics/conflict-of- interest question (Game tickets)

Mr. Meyers, have you heard anything about this from the County Attorney's office?

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From: Naya, Karen S. (COM) (305) 375-3776
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2003 5:26 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: Ethics/conflict-of- interest question (Game tickets)

Hello Mr. Meyers, thank you for speaking with me about this issue. Here is my question: Am I in violation of any Conflict-of-Interest Ordinance if I were to accept baseball game tickets from WQAM radio station? If not, is there a number or value with which I should be concerned, i.e. no more than 2 tickets or value of \$100? Is there a "rule-of thumb" to use as a guide as to where to draw a limit in receiving these "gifts" per year other than simply reporting a gift worth \$25 or greater per quarter?

To answer to your initial questions, Yes, WQAM is a vendor with Communications Dept. - through our AM radio advertising program. Offering tickets to clients is a promotional tool that is common practice and widespread in this industry.

Also, WQAM does not, in essence, pay for these tickets - they have tickets because in this case they are the station promoting the sports venture through its programming. And, for baseball, I've been offered tickets quite often because WQAM says these tickets go unused all the time and they would obviously like to see them used. However, obviously those tickets do have some value as the general public does pay for tickets to games.

Thank you for your time to address this very important matter and also for referring to the County Attorney's office as well. I want to be very sure that I am in compliance will ALL the rules that apply.

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