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Sent: Friday, April 20, 2018 9:52 AM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: Hydi Webb, Manager, Cruise Development, Port/Miami (Travel Expenses Re: Inaugural Cruise of the Norwegian Bliss) INQ 18-101

INQ 18-101 Webb

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Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 4:04 PM
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Subject: INQ 18-101 Hydi Webb, Manager, Cruise Development, Port/Miami (Travel Expenses Re: Inaugural Cruise of the Norwegian Bliss)

Ms. Webb:

You have inquired on behalf of Port/Miami Director Juan Kuryla and yourself regarding whether your acceptance of the invitation from Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL), a County contractor at Port/Miami, to attend the Inaugural cruise of its new ship, *Bliss*, would be permissible under the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance, specifically, Section 2-11.1(w) of the Ordinance, under which County employees and officials are prohibited from accepting, directly or indirectly, any travel or travel-related expenses from any County contractor, vendor, service provider, bidder or proposer.

The event in question will take place May 8-10, leaving from Port/Miami for a two-night cruise. The cruise is not open to the public but being conducted for NCL's senior executives, leaders from the cruise industry and the local community, including Miami-Dade County officials whose roles in the County involve them in the affairs of Port/Miami and the cruise industry. You have informed that the inaugural cruise will leave late in the afternoon of the May 8 and return in the early morning of May 10. There will be various events scheduled during the cruise, some of which would involve County officials meeting with and interacting with NCL executives and representatives. There will be a ceremony conducted at the Port itself, but most of the activity will occur during the cruise, including those that will involve County officials. Based on previous opinions, you are aware of the prohibitions under Section 2-11.1(w), and accordingly, asked NCL to provide an appropriate fee for those accepting the cruise due to their County positions. The fee, which is a standard one that is provided for public entities, such as the County, which have restrictions against the acceptance of gifts by public officials/employees from contractors doing business with those entities. NCL has indicated that the standard price provided to public officials in these situations is \$100 per person per night, which is inclusive of food, beverage and usage of ship facilities and activities. It is the intent of the Port Director to pay for his and your cruise expense from Port funds.

Based upon the circumstances noted above, it is my opinion that you and the Port Director may attend this inaugural cruise and pay the requested sum from Port funds. There is no doubt that the event in question justifies the attendance of some County officials to meet and discuss Port activity and to participate in an event such as this one, which directly relates to the promotion of Port activity and appropriate connections and interactions with executives and personnel of an important port cruise line. The payment of the suggested fee provides sufficient consideration for the cruise to avoid the prohibitions of Section 2-11.1(w). It is permissible to utilize port funds for this payment, and not a violation of

Section 2-11.1(g) of the Code (Exploitation of Official Position), due to the public purpose being served by County officials attending an event directly related to their official duties.

Sincerely,

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From: Webb, Hydi (Seaport)
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 11:52 AM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE) <Joseph.Centorino@miamidade.gov>
Subject: FW: You Are Officially Invited to Norwegian Bliss' Miami Inaugural Cruise

Dear Mr. Centorino,
I trust you are doing well...
I would like to share with you an invitation from Norwegian Cruise Line ("NCL") to attend the inaugural cruise of the *Norwegian Bliss* from PortMiami.

Juan Kuryla (Port Director) and I have been invited by NCL to attend a two-night event on board their soon-to-be newest vessel, *Norwegian Bliss*. The event will take place May 8-10, 2018 from PortMiami. We have been invited as official members representing Miami-Dade County and PortMiami. This Inaugural Cruise will be attended by Norwegian Cruise Line's senior executives, as well as leaders from the cruise industry and local community. Please see the invitation below. A special Miami-Dade County ceremony and plaque presentation will be held on May 9th.

NCL shall take delivery of this new vessel from its shipyard in Germany on April 19, 2018 followed by series of inaugural events, including this one here in Miami. After spending her first inaugural summer season sailing Alaska cruises, the *Norwegian Bliss* will be homeporting at PortMiami seasonally starting Winter 2018/19. As you may be aware, NCL is expanding its presence at PortMiami with the construction of new Cruise Terminal B, which was approved by the Board of County Commissioners this past week.

As always, we would like to share these invitations with you for ethics approval. Similar to the past, we will be paying to attend this event out of budgeted seaport marketing funds.

In advance, thank you.

Best,

Hydi Webb

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Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 11:21 AM

To: Webb, Hydi (Seaport)

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From: Johnson, Stacey (Seaport)
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