

## Frigo, Victoria (COE)

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**From:** Frigo, Victoria (COE)  
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2011 11:04 AM  
**To:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Subject:** Toy Drive Solicitation by Mayor (INQ 11-180)  
**Attachments:** INQ 06-33 Esther Abolita.pdf; INQ 09-110 Olin, J. Question & Response.pdf

As we discussed, the Mayor may solicit gifts in his official capacity on behalf of nonprofit organizations. The County Code carves out two exceptions to the general prohibition regarding gift solicitations applicable to this fact pattern.

- Sec. 2-11.1 (e)(2)(e) allows the Mayor, as part of his official duties as a County employee, to solicit gifts that benefit County-sanctioned activities.
- Sec. 2-11.1 (e)(2)(g) allows County Commissioners and their staffs to solicit gifts on behalf of nonprofit organizations. In addition to Commissioners, this section of the Code has consistently been interpreted to allow the Mayor and his staff to solicit gifts on behalf of nonprofit organizations.

In INQ 06-33, Chair Joe Martinez of the BCC was allowed to solicit gifts to benefit a County-sanctioned Health Expo. In INQ 09-110, Miami Beach Commissioner Victor Diaz was allowed to solicit gifts in his capacity as an “elected official” to benefit a nonprofit organization.

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**Sent:** Thursday, December 01, 2011 4:38 PM  
**To:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Cc:** Sanchez, Gerald (CAO)  
**Subject:** FW: 1120 Toy Drive (3)

For your review. Thank you.

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**From:** Vazquez, Jeannette (Office of the Mayor)  
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**Subject:** 1120 Toy Drive (3)

December 1, 2011

Dear Sir/ Madam:

The holidays are upon us. It's a time to give thanks for our many blessings – family, friends, health.

During this busy and joyous time of the year, let us take a moment to think about those who are less fortunate. This is why I'm asking for your assistance with the Children & Youth Life Foundation's Toy Drive. Please help bring happiness and hope to special needs children and children who reside in low income areas of Miami-Dade County. I assure you, there is no greater pleasure than seeing joy in the faces of children when they open new toys.

The Children & Youth Life Foundation, and I will be handing out 2,500 toys to children on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at 10:00 am at the Stephen P. Clark Center, located at 111 N.W. 1st Street in our lobby. It is important to note that most of these youths suffer from physical and mental disorders. The Children & Youth Life Foundation, which is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit entity, helps children, from newborn through 22 years old, many of whom only reach the mental capacity of a healthy nine year old child.

I hope I can count on your generous support. Please contact Diana Rodriguez, at (305) 375-2546 to coordinate your donation of toys.

Once again, thank you for your philanthropy.

Seasons' greetings,

Carlos Gimenez  
Mayor