

Frigo, Victoria (COE)

From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2012 10:53 AM
To: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Subject: INQ: Convening of election officials from the nation's largest jurisdictions

From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2012 10:53 AM
To: Townsley, Penelope (Elections)
Subject: RE: Convening of election officials from the nation's largest jurisdictions

Ms. Townsley:

Inasmuch as the PEW Center is not a county contractor, and, given its status as a non-profit organization with a civic purpose, it has no conceivable private motive in making this offer, there is no prohibition to your acceptance of it. However, since it does involve what is essentially a gift to you and to whoever attends with you, which is undoubtedly valued at over \$100, you should report it as such on the appropriate form.

Joe Centorino
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: Townsley, Penelope (Elections)
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 4:09 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Subject: RE: Convening of election officials from the nation's largest jurisdictions

Please excuse the typo – "I" would like for my Assistant County Attorney to accompany me.

Regards,

Penelope "Penny" Townsley
Supervisor of Elections
Miami-Dade County
(305) 499-8509

From: Townsley, Penelope (Elections)
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2012 4:02 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Cc: Townsley, Penelope (Elections)
Subject: Fwd: Convening of election officials from the nation's largest jurisdictions

Joe,

Please advise if there are any ethical issues with accepting this invitation. U would also want my Assistant County Attorney to accompany.

Thanks

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Begin forwarded message:

From: David Becker <DBecker@pewtrusts.org>
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Cc: Amy Cohen <acohen@pewtrusts.org>
Subject: **Convening of election officials from the nation's largest jurisdictions**

Good afternoon, everyone,

For those of you who don't know me, I'm the Director of Election Initiatives here at the Pew Center on the States. We work with election officials and other stakeholders to improve the administration of elections, and I've been fortunate enough to partner with many of you over the last several years.

In September, we are considering hosting a convening of all of you – who run elections in the nation's largest counties and jurisdictions – to discuss common challenges you all face running elections in your diverse, media-intense areas.

We are looking at hosting the meeting all day on Friday, Sept. 21, here at Pew's offices in Washington, DC. Subject to any ethical rules, Pew will pay travel and related expenses for your attendance at this meeting.

Could you please respond to this email and let me know this week if you think you'll be able to attend? Official invitations with travel information will go out shortly, once we confirm everyone's availability. And please note, this invitation is not transferable, so if you cannot attend but you would like to send someone else from your office in your stead, please let us know so we can consider the request.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you all in September!

David



David J. Becker

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