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Sent: Friday, April 27, 2012 7:05 PM
To: Collazo, Liliana (Office of the Mayor)
Cc: Iglesias, Genaro "Chip" (Office of the Mayor); Ferro, Alex (Office of the Mayor); Ramos, Miriam S. (COE)
Subject: RE: Grand Prix race tickets
Attachments: Microsoft Word - Addendum to Guidelines and Recommendations.pdf

Ms. Collazo,

Please recognize that this is only an informal opinion generated immediately due to the urgency of your request. A definitive opinion, should you want one, would need to come from the Commission on Ethics and Public Trust at a public meeting.

It is my position that ticket(s) or any item of value donated or given to a public entity in the name of that entity is public property, and, as such, is subject to the same restrictions and analysis as tickets gained by the public entity through a contractual process. Therefore, if the tickets in question have been given to the County as an entity, and not specifically to any individual, they should be disposed of in accordance with the public purposes guidelines in our most recently adopted internal memo (attached).

In the event that the tickets have been personally designated to be given to any particular official and the official accepts them, they become a reportable gift if they are valued in excess of \$100. The only exception to that would be a ticket used personally by the official if he/she is attending in a public role or in performance of some official duty (see attached guidelines). Otherwise, if the official attends in a non-public role, then the value of his/her own ticket should be included in the reported gift.

I hope this is helpful. Please feel free to call me in the office (305-350-0613) or on my cell (954-648-0687) if you or anyone else in the office needs to discuss this further.

Joe Centorino
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From: Collazo, Liliana (Office of the Mayor)
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2012 1:22 PM
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Subject: Grand Prix race tickets

Mr. Centorino-

Good afternoon. I am requesting your assistance in providing an opinion on the distribution of tickets for this weekend's Grand Prix of Miami Race. This race is scheduled for this Saturday, April 28 through Sunday, April 29, 2012.

The Mayor has received a package of tickets for the Grand Prix of Miami Race from the City of Homestead. The tickets have been sent by the City of Homestead in accordance with their management and operating agreement with the Homestead-Miami Speedway for the use and operation of the Speedway.

Specifically, we are in receipt of:

- 50 Skybox tickets for Saturday, April 28, 2012
- 50 Skybox tickets for Sunday, April 29, 2012
- 25 Green parking lot passes for Saturday, April 28, 2012
- 25 Green Parking Lot passes for Sunday, April 29, 2012
- 2 Blue Worker passes for Saturday, April 28, 2012
- 2 Blue Worker passes for Sunday, April 29, 2012

In the past, these tickets were issued to each District Commissioner (2 Skybox tickets per day and 1 parking lot pass per day) and the remainder of the tickets were distributed by the former County Manager.

Your time and attention is greatly appreciated. If you need additional information, please feel to contact me at 305-951-7938.

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