
From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Friday, May 30, 2014 9:56 AM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: Ethics Opinion- Victoria Mendez, City Attorney, City of Miami (Gifts) INQ 14-132

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From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Friday, May 30, 2014 8:33 AM
To: 'Mendez, Victoria'
Cc: Min, Barnaby; Wysong, George; Murawski, Michael P. (COE); Ramos, Miriam S. (COE); Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Subject: INQ - Victoria Mendez, City Attorney, City of Miami (Gifts)

Victoria,

I see no problem with city officials attending this event. It involves a reputable non-profit organization that I understand has been given financial support by the city. There is no cost to the event. This would appear to be a situation in which they are being invited in their official capacity to be part of the kick-off of an event endorsed by the city. Inasmuch as there is no entrance fee and it involves a legitimate non-profit organization that has received recognition by the city, it is not a reportable gift under Section 2-11.1(e) of the Miami-Dade Code of Ordinances. Also, inasmuch as there is a clear public purpose and benefit and no special benefit to the officials, I see no violation of Section 2-613 of the City of Miami Code of Ordinances or of Section 4(c) of the City Charter, although the latter provision is more properly within your own purview.

Sincerely,
Joe Centorino

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From: Mendez, Victoria [<mailto:VMendez@miamigov.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2014 7:07 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Cc: Min, Barnaby; Wysong, George; Murawski, Michael P. (COE); Ramos, Miriam S. (COE)
Subject: Event invite for tomorrow

Hello. If City officials are invited to this event tomorrow wherein it is an event that volunteers and contributors are invited to as a kick off type event and there is no cost to the event, is this a reportable type of event?

Is it considered a gift since there is no face value?

Also, if La Liga receives monies from the City does that change anything?

I need to advise any officials of whether they can attend. Thank you.