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Subject: INQ - Connie Leon Kreps, Mayor, North Bay Village (Gifts, Travel Expenses)

Mayor Kreps:

You have inquired whether your attendance at the NALEO 31 Annual Conference in San Diego would be considered a gift, where your travel and hotel, and incidental expenses will be borne by North Bay Village. Inasmuch as this is an organization that is dedicated to providing professional development opportunities for elected officials and there is a clear nexus to your public position, I see nothing improper with the Village's payment of these expenses as there is a proper public purpose involved in your attendance at this event. Moreover, this would not be considered a gift that would need to be reported by you since it is provided pursuant to your public position in the Village, and it is the Village and not some private entity that is bearing the expense.

Sincerely,
Joseph M. Centorino
Executive Director and General Counsel
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From: Connie Leon-Kreps [<mailto:cleonkreps@nbvillage.com>]
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Subject: NALEO CONVENTION
Importance: High

Mr. Centorino,
Good afternoon sir.
Perhaps, Mr. Switkes, village attorney has already reached out to you.
Nonetheless, I am reaching out to you, as I would like to get clarification prior to in order to avoid and ensure appropriateness.
I signed up to attend the NALEO 31 Annual conference in San Diego June 26 to June 28, 2014.
I have been a member since 2011 and have attended several of their workshops through grants that they have been gracious to offer me as an elected official at no charge to the village.

Please advise if this considered a gift? The village has paid for me to attend the convention.
Should I report it?
I need to know before it becomes an unnecessary issue for all of us.

Thank you,
Connie

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Thank you! - North Bay Village.**

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