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Mr. Kuryla:

You have inquired concerning whether it would be appropriate to solicit the donation of a cruise from one of the cruise lines at the Port, to be given away as part of a raffle to benefit the United Way at an upcoming Port employee holiday party. I have considered this issue in light of Section 2-11.1(w) of the Miami-Dade Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance. That section prohibits acceptance of any travel expenses from a country contractor, vendor or service provider, bidder or proposer, absent a waiver by majority vote of the County Commission.

While I recognize that the intent in this matter is of a charitable nature, inasmuch as it would raise funds for the United Way, the blanket prohibition in the Code would prohibit acceptance of any travel expenses from a County contractor. In this instance, a cruise line is a County contractor, and the intended beneficiary of the complimentary cruise would be a County employee. Unfortunately, such a cruise could not be accepted by a Port employee, absent a waiver by the County Commission.

Sincerely,

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