

## Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)

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**From:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
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**Subject:** INQ - Robert Meyers, Attorney, Weiss Serota and Helfman

Robert Meyers inquired regarding whether a municipal advisory board member would be permitted to solicit gifts for use by the municipality in his/her capacity as an advisory board member. I opined that there is a general prohibition against soliciting any gift in Section 2-11.1(e)(3) unless there is an applicable exception for the solicitation in the ordinance. Section 2-11.1(e)(2) does provide exceptions from the gift prohibition to County/municipal employees or County/municipal elected officials or staff members to solicit gifts in performance of their official duties for use by the County/municipality, there is no such exception for advisory board members. Therefore, an advisory board member would not be permitted to directly solicit such gifts, although they could utilize the services of an employee or elected official to do so if the solicitation occurred in the course of their official duties and for a proper official purpose.

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