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Robert,

This is in response to your question regarding whether a Commissioner in the City of Aventura, who is a member of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO), who attends an out-state-conference paid for that organization, is considered to have received a reportable gift from that organization. In INQ 14-151 I opined that a similar trip paid for by North Bay Village for one of its officials would not be considered a gift since it was paid for and provided by the Village itself pursuant to that official's public position in the Village and in pursuance of legitimate public purposes of the Village. This issue is different insofar as it involves an out-of-state trip paid for by an outside organization. While it may have a connection to the official's public position, it is not an official government trip provided by the governmental entity, but rather by a private entity. Under these circumstances, I would consider the expenditures in support of such a trip to be a reportable gift pursuant to Section 2-11.1(g)(4).

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