
From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, April 01, 2014 1:56 PM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: FW: INQ - Juan Zapata, Miami-Dade County Commissioner (Gifts)

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From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2014 5:20 PM
To: Sanchez, Gerald (CAO)
Cc: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Subject: INQ - Juan Zapata, Miami-Dade County Commissioner (Gifts)

Gerald:

You have inquired on behalf of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Juan Zapata concerning the valuation of a gift of tickets to a gala function attended by the Commissioner. Since the gift disclosure form is provided pursuant to State law, the State law and opinions issued by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics would be the controlling authority on this issue. Although this agency does not have binding jurisdiction over such issues, I can inform you that the general rule is that the value is the face value of the ticket or admission fee, but if the gift is an admission ticket to a charitable event AND is given by the charitable organization, that portion of the cost which represents a charitable contribution is not included in valuing the gift. See F.S. 112.3148(7)(k) and CEO 04-12.

Please convey this to Commissioner Zapata.

Sincerely,
Joseph Centorino

From: Sanchez, Gerald (CAO)
Sent: Monday, March 03, 2014 4:11 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Cc: Sanchez, Gerald (CAO)
Subject: FW: Ethics Question- Gift/Gala tickets

Thank you.

From: Caviglia, Bianca S. (DIST11)
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2014 2:04 PM
To: Sanchez, Gerald (CAO)
Subject: RE: Ethics Question- Gift/Gala tickets

Good afternoon Gerald,

Commissioner Zapata would like a written opinion reflecting our conversation the other day. He also wanted to inquire if it was possible to get a copy of the ethics workshop that he attended a couple of months ago.

Thank you,

Bianca Caviglia

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From: Sanchez, Gerald (CAO)
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2014 4:17 PM
To: Caviglia, Bianca S. (DIST11)
Subject: RE: Ethics Question- Gift/Gala tickets

Bianca,

Please call me at x1317 when you get a moment to discuss. Thanks. Gerald

From: Caviglia, Bianca S. (DIST11)
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 12:13 PM
To: Sanchez, Gerald (CAO)
Subject: Ethics Question- Gift/Gala tickets

Good afternoon Gerald,

I just wanted to follow up on Commissioner Zapata's inquiry, which we briefly discussed. Commissioner Zapata would like to know whether he would be able to assess a gift of tickets, let's say Gala tickets, at the value of the actual benefit received. In other words, if a Gala ticket is valued at \$300 (\$50 value for the meal with the remaining \$250 value going toward a donation) could the Commissioner assess the value at \$50 for the meal only since the donation would have been foregone. The thought process is that since the Commissioner would not have paid the \$300 for the ticket then no \$250 donation would have been made, thereby reducing the value of the actual benefit received to just the \$50 meal.

I appreciate your assistance.

Best,

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