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By Messenger

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Re: Invitation from ████ Metropolitan Council 94012. Q

Dear Alderman ████

This letter will confirm our telephone conversation of ███████████, regarding application of the Governmental Ethics Ordinance to the invitation the ███████████ Metropolitan Council has extended to you and several of your colleagues on the City Council. .You asked whether the Ordinance would prohibit you and Aldermen ████, ███████ and ███████, as representatives of Chicago, from accepting the ████████ Metropolitan Council's invitation to attend a program it has arranged in ██████ from ███████. The Council has offered to pay for local transportation, board and lodging expenses you and your colleagues incur. The ██████████████ Merchants' Association ██████████ ("MA") has graciously offered to pay airfare for all travelers. Also invited by the ████ Metropolitan Council to accompany you and your colleagues is Ms. ████████, an MA employee who serves as its liaison to the ████████████ Community. MA will of course pay Ms. ████'s airfare as well.

You said that the purposes of the invitation are to promote greater understanding between Chicago's ██████ and █████████████ communities, as well as to develop mutual interests between the two cities as a whole.
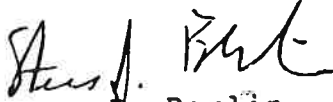
Staff has discussed your request, and it is our belief that, based on previous Board decisions, nothing in the Ordinance prohibits you and your colleagues on the City Council from accepting the offers and invitations extended by the ██████ Metropolitan Council and █████.
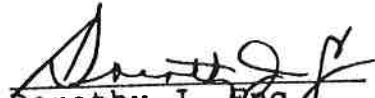
We appreciate your bringing this matter to our attention, and your willingness to comply with the standards embodied in the Ordinance. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions or wish further guidance.

Yours very truly,

Steven I. Berlin
Deputy Director

Approved:

Dorothy J. Eng
Executive Director

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