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CONFIDENTIAL

[REDACTED]

RE: Case No. 91089
Gift to the City

Dear [REDACTED]

You and INDIVIDUAL A [REDACTED] asked whether the Governmental Ethics Ordinance prohibits an individual in DEPT. Q [REDACTED] from accepting an honorarium on behalf of the City for a presentation you will make.

You will be making a presentation at a seminar proposed by COMPANY X [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] COMPANY Y, a company with which they have a consulting contract. The purpose of the seminar is to teach upper and middle level managers of [REDACTED] COMPANY Y HOW TO PERFORM A CERTAIN TASK [REDACTED]

The applicable provision of the Governmental Ethics Ordinance to the issue presented is section 2-156-040(f). Section 2-156-040 in general restricts gifts to City employees and officials, as well as their spouses and minor children, under particular instances. Subsection (f) states that nothing in section 2-156-040 "shall prohibit any official or employee . . . from accepting a gift on the City's behalf, provided, however, the person accepting the gift shall promptly report receipt of the gift to the Board of Ethics and the Comptroller, who shall add it to the inventory of City property."

Since the honorarium is a gift and employees may accept gifts on behalf of the City, the Board determines that, under the Governmental Ethics Ordinance, an employee of DEPT. Q [REDACTED] may accept the honorarium from COMPANY X [REDACTED] on behalf of the City, so long as the gift is reported to



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this office and to the Comptroller.¹ It is important to note that there may be other rules, policies or laws that govern the acceptance of such gifts by City employees.

The Board appreciates your willingness to comply with the ethical standards embodied in the Governmental Ethics Ordinance. We enclose the Board's procedural rules that apply after it renders a decision, as well as a copy of the Ordinance for your convenience. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Angeles L. Eames
Vice Chair

enclosures

cc:



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¹ Our determination in this case is based on the application of the City's Governmental Ethics Ordinance to the facts stated in this opinion. If the facts presented in this opinion are incorrect or incomplete, please notify the Board immediately, as any change in the facts may alter our opinion.

NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION AND RELIANCE

Reconsideration: This advisory opinion is based on the facts outlined in this opinion. If there are additional material facts or circumstances that were not available to the Board when it considered this case, you may request reconsideration of the opinion. A request for reconsideration must (1) be submitted in writing, (2) explain the material facts or circumstances that are the basis of the request, and (3) be received by the Board of Ethics within fifteen days of the date of this opinion.

Reliance: This advisory opinion may be relied upon by (1) any person involved in the specific transaction or activity with respect to which this opinion is rendered and (2) any person involved in any specific transaction or activity that is indistinguishable in all its material aspects from the transaction or activity with respect to which the opinion is rendered.