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To: [REDACTED]

From: *Dorothy J. Eng*
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Executive Director

Re: **Harvard Conference**
Case No. 91055.Q

Date: 13 May, 1991

On May 13, 1991 we received your telephone call requesting a determination as to whether, under the provisions of the Governmental Ethics Ordinance, you could accept an invitation to speak at a workshop on [REDACTED] at Harvard University at the expense of the University. We reviewed the facts as presented to us and determined that the Ordinance would not prevent you from accepting the invitation. We appreciate your bringing this matter to the Board's attention and your willingness to follow the ethical standards embodied in the Ordinance. In this memorandum we present the provisions of the Ordinance relevant to this case, and our analysis of the facts according to those provisions.

The information which you provided concerning the trip in question is as follows. You have received an invitation from Harvard University to speak, in your capacity as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at a conference on [REDACTED] to be held on the Harvard campus in Cambridge, Massachusetts. This will be a one-day trip and all expenses will be paid for by Harvard University.

Under section 2-156-040 (d) of the Governmental Ethics Ordinance, City officials are explicitly permitted to accept hosting expenses, including travel and entertainment expenses, if:



- (1) the expenses are not paid anonymously;
- (2) the expenses are not paid to influence the official's actions in his or her City job;
- (3) the expenses are "reasonable;"
- (4) the expenses are "furnished in connection with public events, appearances or ceremonies related to official City business;" and
- (5) the expenses are "furnished by the sponsor of such public event."

As you have described this trip, the expenses are paid by Harvard University with no attempts to influence your actions, they are reasonable, and they are furnished in connection with a [REDACTED] conference by the sponsor of the conference. Based on previous Board decisions, the staff believes that your acceptance of the invitation is permitted under the Governmental Ethics Ordinance

We thank you again for bringing this matter to our attention and for your willingness to comply with the standards embodied in the Ethics Ordinance. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Enjoy your trip.

cc: Kelly Welsh
Corporation Counsel

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