



DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS
CITY OF CHICAGO

May 12, 2016

Steven I. Berlin
Executive Director
Chicago Board of Ethics
740 North Sedgwick Street, 5th Floor
Chicago, IL 60654

Dear Executive Director Berlin,

Pursuant to Section 2-156-144 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, the Department of Buildings wishes to report to your office the immediate donation of an anonymous gift tendered to a Department. This morning the Department received a delivery of bagels, muffins, pastries, fruit and coffee purchased from Einstein Bagels to our 9th floor City Hall offices. Attached please find photos of the items and delivery sheet. The delivery sheet, with the notation "Breakfast for 25", did not indicate the identity of the donor and Einstein Bagels could not identify the purchaser. Although the retail value of the gift was unknown, the gift's value would clearly exceed the Fifty dollars (\$50.00) gift limit in the Code as well as the Department's Zero Gift Policy.

As we could not return the gift to the anonymous donor, we immediately brought the items to the homeless ministry of The Chicago Temple – First United Methodist Church, a 501(c)(3) charity, located at 77 W. Washington St. to be donated in the name of the City of Chicago. Ms. Jonni L. Miklos, Church Administrator of the Chicago Temple, accepted the donation and with gratitude stated that the food and coffee will help feed the homeless.

Sincerely,

Matthew Beaudet
First Deputy Commissioner

cc: Judith Frydland, Commissioner

