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Case Number: 86026.A

Dear [REDACTED]

The Board of Ethics has considered your request for an advisory opinion. According to information you provided, you are paying your own expenses to attend the National Women's Forum in Washington, D.C. but have received an invitation from a *Company X* employee to travel free-of-charge to the meeting on a [REDACTED] plane, along with several other women who are attending the conference.

It is our understanding that the Department [REDACTED] has no existing contracts with *Company X* [REDACTED] which might create the appearance of impropriety or otherwise presage future conflicts of interest within your department. Also, it appears that *Company X* [REDACTED] is making a contribution to the conference rather than a gift to a City employee. Taking this into account, as well as the fact that the parameters of a travel policy have not been definitively set, the Board believes that your acceptance of such an invitation would not represent a violation of the Executive Order.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Howard
Chair
Board of Ethics