

Last month I participated in a panel discussion put together by a church in Lincoln Square called Community Christian Church. The discussion was on civil rights issues - particularly for immigrants - in Chicago, and I talked about the protections under the Chicago Human Rights and Fair Housing Ordinances.

Today, I received in the mail a thank you card from the church that included a Visa gift card for \$50. I realize, of course, that I can't accept it. So, I am sending it back, along with the attached letter. I think was a genuine mistake on their part. I don't think the church conducts any business with the City, and I have no reason to think this was anything other than an expression of gratitude. In any event, I wanted you to be aware that I received it and sent it back. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Thanks very much. I hope you're doing well.

-Matt

Matthew Lango
Deputy Commissioner
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COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

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Stef Coleman
Community Christian Church
4827 N. Lowell Ave.
Chicago, IL 60630

Dear Stef:

It was great meeting you last month and it was a real pleasure to represent the City of Chicago at Community Christian Church's event. I just received your generous gift. Unfortunately, under the City's Ethics Ordinance, I am prohibited from accepting anything of value, including gift cards, for participating in events such as the one put on by Community Christian Church. So, I must return the gift card to you.

Again, thanks very much. If you would like me or someone from the Commission on Human Relations to participate in any events in the future, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew D. Lango".

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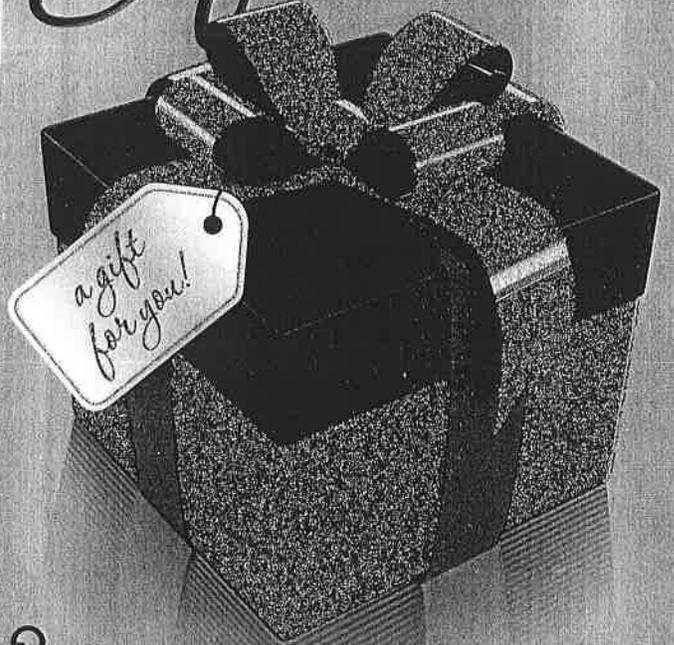
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