**From:** Juan Linares  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 26, 2019 12:59 AM  
**To:** Celia Meza; Steve Berlin  
**Subject:** Fw: an invitation to the Mayor to come to the LAF luncheon on June 20

Hi Celia and Steve,

I'm writing to report an event that I attended at no cost under the "reasonable hosting" exception.  Below is the correspondence between the organizer and myself, and here are the details:

• Name of the individual and/or business providing the gift: **LAF, now known as Legal Adi Chicago, invitation by its President John Gallo to the Mayor who was unavailable.**

• Description of the event (i.e. dinner, luncheon, gala): **Luncheon awards gala**

• Date of the event : **June 20, 2019**

• Ticket cost of the event for the general public: **Unknown, the website does not indicate and the hosts never responded to confirm.**

• Name of any covered relative that may have been afforded the same gift and attended with the employee:  **None.**

Best,

Juan Carlos

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**From:** John N. Gallo <[jgallo@lafchicago.org](mailto:jgallo@lafchicago.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2019 5:37 PM  
**To:** Juan Linares  
**Cc:** Taylor Lewis; Gloria Friedman  
**Subject:** RE: an invitation to the Mayor to come to the LAF luncheon on June 20

Terrific!  Thanks, Juan.  Look forward to your joining us.  Gloria will share details.

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**From:** Juan Linares <[Juan.Linares@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Juan.Linares@cityofchicago.org)>   
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**To:** John N. Gallo <[jgallo@lafchicago.org](mailto:jgallo@lafchicago.org)>  
**Cc:** Taylor Lewis <[Taylor.Lewis@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Taylor.Lewis@cityofchicago.org)>; Gloria Friedman <[gfriedman@lafchicago.org](mailto:gfriedman@lafchicago.org)>  
**Subject:** FW: an invitation to the Mayor to come to the LAF luncheon on June 20

Hi John,

Thank you for the invitation for the Mayor to attend the LAF luncheon.  As Taylor mentions below, the Mayor is unavailable to attend but as Chief Engagement Officer, I am available to attend on her behalf.  If you would like for me to do so, please let me know as I’ll need to clear it through our Ethics/Counsel’s office to accept the invitation.

As a side note, my wife Monica once practiced at LAF and we still speak about the daily impacts she made there as a public benefits attorney.  We appreciate the work that you do!

Best regards,

Juan Carlos

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**From:** Taylor Lewis   
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 12, 2019 9:19 PM  
**To:** 'John N. Gallo' <[jgallo@lafchicago.org](mailto:jgallo@lafchicago.org)>  
**Cc:** Gloria Friedman <[gfriedman@lafchicago.org](mailto:gfriedman@lafchicago.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: an invitation to the Mayor to come to the LAF luncheon on June 20

Hi, John –

Again, thank you for the kind invitation and outreach to include Mayor Lightfoot. Unfortunately, she will not be able to attend. While we have to decline this event due to scheduling conflicts, we do hope the LAF luncheon is a success!

Also – we will share this invite with the Mayor’s Director of Office of Public Engagement, Juan Carlos Linares, to potentially attend on Mayor Lightfoot’s behalf.

Thank you!

**From:** John N. Gallo <[jgallo@lafchicago.org](mailto:jgallo@lafchicago.org)>   
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 9:08 AM  
**To:** Taylor Lewis <[Taylor.Lewis@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Taylor.Lewis@cityofchicago.org)>  
**Cc:** Gloria Friedman <[gfriedman@lafchicago.org](mailto:gfriedman@lafchicago.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: an invitation to the Mayor to come to the LAF luncheon on June 20

Terrific.  Thanks, Taylor.

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**From:** Taylor Lewis <[Taylor.Lewis@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Taylor.Lewis@cityofchicago.org)>   
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019 9:01 AM  
**To:** John N. Gallo <[jgallo@lafchicago.org](mailto:jgallo@lafchicago.org)>  
**Cc:** Gloria Friedman <[gfriedman@lafchicago.org](mailto:gfriedman@lafchicago.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: an invitation to the Mayor to come to the LAF luncheon on June 20

Thank you, John. I will get back with you on the Mayor’s availability.

**From:** John N. Gallo <[jgallo@lafchicago.org](mailto:jgallo@lafchicago.org)>   
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 5, 2019 5:26 PM  
**To:** Taylor Lewis <[Taylor.Lewis@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Taylor.Lewis@cityofchicago.org)>  
**Cc:** Gloria Friedman <[gfriedman@lafchicago.org](mailto:gfriedman@lafchicago.org)>  
**Subject:** an invitation to the Mayor to come to the LAF luncheon on June 20

Dear Taylor:

I am following up on an invitation sent to the Mayor to come to the LAF luncheon on June 20 from noon to 1:30 pm at the Palmer House Hilton.  As detailed in the email below, the honoree at the luncheon is John Levi, the Chairman of the Legal Services Corporation and a partner at Sidley Austin LLP.  Governor JB Pritzker will be introducing John and presenting him with the Champion for Justice Award in recognition of John’s dedication to the cause of access to justice.

Our invitation to the Mayor was sent to her before she was elected, and possibly fell through the e-cracks.  Regardless, I write to make sure the Mayor knows she is invited and that we would be thrilled if she could join us, even if for just a portion of the event.  As you may know, the Mayor served on the Board of LAF for a period of time, so we are familiar with her own dedication to the cause of access to justice.

Let me know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns that we might need to address to help with scheduling on your end.  We realize that there are many competing demands for her time.

Thanks in advance for following up on this invitation.

Regards,

John