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Case Number 88010.D

Dear [REDACTED]

We recently received your gift information form disclosing receipt of a gift from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We appreciate your efforts to comply with Section 26.2-4(f) of the Ethics Ordinance which specifically allows officials and employees to accept gifts of any kind on the City's behalf, provided that person accepting the gift promptly report receipt of the gift to the Board of Ethics and to the Comptroller. However, we noted on your disclosure form that you subsequently donated this gift to another individual.

Since any item accepted on behalf of the City becomes an item of City property, it is inappropriate to personally donate such items in your own name and without first receiving the approval of the City Comptroller. Therefore, in the future, we request that you seek the City Comptroller's approval before donating any items accepted on behalf of the City to other persons.

As a general rule, items of nominal value such as food, beverages, or Christmas cards which are given to you for your personal use, need not be disclosed, provided that the aggregate value of the gifts received by you from any single donor does not exceed \$50. However, if you are offered a personal benefit worth \$50 or more, you should refer to the gifts provisions of the Ethics Ordinance and request an advisory opinion from the Board of Ethics concerning the application of these provisions before accepting the benefits. Please note that City employees and officials should avoid accepting gifts, favors, services, or

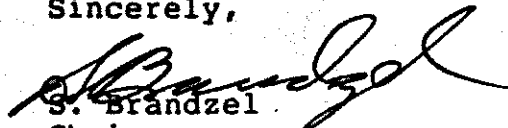


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benefits of any kind if they are in a position to influence City decisions affecting the economic interests of the donor. For general information on the rules governing the receipt of gifts, see Section 26.2-4 of the Ethics Ordinance (enclosed).

If you have any further questions regarding this case, please do not hesitate to contact the Board of Ethics at 744-9660.

Sincerely,



S. Brandzel
Chairman

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