



DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS
CITY OF CHICAGO

June 30, 2017

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 a cash gift tendered to a Department. On June 28, 2017, one of our staff members, Ms. Audrey Taylor, was working at our information desk on the 9th floor City Hall lobby. She just assisted a patron with a permit question. The patron did not provide his name or the address of the property he was inquiring about. The patron was very appreciative of Ms. Taylor's assistance and asked if he could buy her lunch. Ms. Taylor respectfully declined and relayed to the patron that DOB has a zero gift policy. The patron then put two \$10 bills (serial numbers ML 22090130 A and MD 58007061 A) on the counter and got into a lobby elevator and left. The information desk is enclosed and may only be exited through the back so the patron was gone before Ms. Taylor could return the cash gift. Ms. Taylor immediately notified us and the cash gift was placed in a secured locked desk.

As the gift could not be returned to the unknown donor and the cash gift could not be retained by the Department, the Department brought the cash gift over to the homeless ministry of The Chicago Temple – First United Methodist Church, a 501(c)(3) charity, located at 77 W. Washington St., today to be donated in the name of the City of Chicago. A Church staff member accepted the donation and stated that it will be utilized to aid the homeless ministry.

Sincerely,

Matthew Beudet
First Deputy Commissioner

cc: Judith Frydland, Commissioner