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MEMORANDUM

To: [Redacted]

From: Dorothy J. Eng
Director
Board of Ethics *DJE*

Re: Case No. 91025.Q
Political Activity

Date: January 14, 1991

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This memo is being sent in follow-up to our telephone conversation earlier today. You telephoned to ask whether the Governmental Ethics Ordinance permits you to serve as a Deputy Registrar for the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners in the upcoming election. You informed me that you are an employee of the Department of Revenue and you will be using vacation days to serve the Board of Elections.

Section 2-92-410 of the Ordinance prohibits certain City employees and officials, including employees of the Department of Revenue, from engaging in "political activity." However, the definition of political activity in § 2-156-010(s) does not include the sort of non-partisan activities that would be involved in the position of Deputy Registrar for the Board of Elections.

Therefore, given that you will not be using City time to fulfill your duties as Deputy Registrar, it is permissible for you to serve in that position.

We appreciate your inquiry as it demonstrates your willingness to comply with the ethics standards embodied in the Ordinance. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to call.

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