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Case Number 87113.Q

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Dear [REDACTED]

You recently informed the Board of Ethics that [REDACTED] Department X [REDACTED] had received various items of nominal value (less than \$10) from City contractors. In response to your concern about the propriety of these gifts, we are enclosing a memorandum sent to department heads, a brochure outlining the provisions of the Ethics Ordinance, and a form for reporting gifts accepted on behalf of the City.

As these materials indicate, it is permissible to accept personal gifts so long as (1) the aggregate value of the items received from any one donor does not exceed \$50; (2) the gift is not in the form of cash or its equivalent; and (3) there are no circumstances which suggest any attempt to improperly influence your decisions in City government. You may also accept gifts on behalf of the City, so long as you submit a completed copy of the enclosed disclosure form to the Board of Ethics and to the City Comptroller's Office.

Thank you for your inquiry. If you have further questions regarding this or any other related matter please contact the Board of the Ethics at 744-9660.

Sincerely,

S. Brandzel
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Chairman

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