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RE: Case No. 95015.Q

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Dear

On May 17, the Board office received your request for guidance about how the Governmental Ethics Ordinance applies to your acceptance of a prize you won in the Bike to Work Week rally.

You work as a _____ in _____ . You participated in the 4th Annual Bike to Work Week rally held on May 16, 1995 at Daley Plaza. This event is part of Mayor Daley's Bike 2000 Plan and was sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Special Events along with several other City departments and about a dozen corporate and non-profit organizations. It was designed to encourage people who work in Chicago to bike to work, and the rally was open to anyone who did so, regardless of their employer. As part of the event, raffles were held for custom-built bikes, airline tickets, and other items. All participants in the rally were eligible for the prizes, which were raffled off by random drawings. There were no restrictions against employees of the City or of any other sponsoring organization participating in the raffles. The three-speed bicycle you won was donated to the rally by the _____ Company.

Based on previous Board opinions and the facts you presented, it is the Board staff's opinion that the Ordinance does not prohibit you from accepting the prize you won through the raffle.

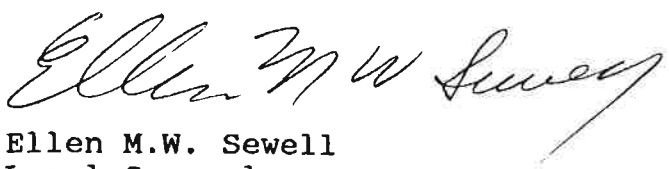


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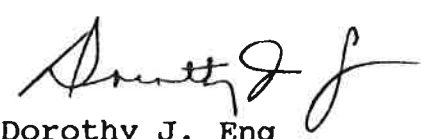
We appreciate your bringing this matter to our attention and your concern to abide by the standards embodied in the Ethics Ordinance. If you have any further questions about this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Ellen M.W. Sewell
Legal Counsel

Approved:



Dorothy J. Eng
Executive Director