Advisory Opinion No. 92-10

An elected official has requested an opinion as to whether, consistent with Chapter 68 of the City
Charter, he may accept the invitation of a firm which has no business dealings with the City to attend an event sponsored by the firm. The event will take place over a period of several days at a resort outside of the State.

It is the opinion of the Board, that, in the absence of a governmental purpose, the elected official's acceptance of this trip may create the appearance that he has received a valuable gift solely because of his official position. See Charter Section 2604(b)(3), which provides that no public servant may use or attempt to use his or her position as a public servant to obtain any financial gain, privilege or

other private or personal advantage, direct or indirect, for the public servant or any person associated with a public servant.

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