



LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

ETHICS COMMISSION

JERRY E. ABRAMSON
MAYOR

LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY
METRO GOVERNMENT ETHICS COMMISSION
REQUEST FOR OPINION: 10-C-001

Authority granted by Ordinance

The Ethics Ordinance vests in this body the sole authority to determine whether a Metro Officer has violated any of its provisions.

Note: Ethics Ordinance, Section 21.02 (E) Standards of Conduct

Background information of the request

Elizabeth Kinney Hoffman, Director of the Majority Caucus Metro Council submitted a request for an advisory opinion dated February 16, 2010. Mrs. Hoffman advises that the Metro Council has been invited to attend the presentation of **Shen Yun** at the Kentucky Center for the Arts. She further advises the Council members will pay for their individual tickets to the performance but will be provided complimentary tickets to the post-show reception that is valued at \$100 dollars. Mrs. Hoffman's concern is the \$100 value of the reception exceeds the \$25 cap as stated in the Ordinance.

Applicable Rules

No Metro Officer, members of his/her immediate family, or business organization, non-profit entity, or labor organization in which such officer has an interest shall solicit or accept any gift, favor, loan, political contribution, service, economic opportunity, promise of future employment, or any thing of value based upon an understanding, or under circumstances from which it could be reasonably inferred, that the gift, favor, loan, contribution, service promise, or thing of value was given or offered:

1. For the purpose of influencing such officer, directly or indirectly, in the discharge of his/her official duties; or
2. For the purpose of gaining access to the Metro Officer

Ethics Commission Resolution

The Ethics Commission requested and received necessary additional information from Ms. Maryann Fang, Marketing Manager of the Kentucky Asian Culture Association to issue an opinion on this request. Based on the information provided, the commission determined there would be **no violation of the ordinance** if attended by Metro Council Officers.

Larry Grant
Acting Chair
Metro Louisville/Jefferson County Ethics Commission