On 25 June 2019 this Panel received a request for an expedited advisory opinion from [Name] from the Office of [Name]. The Panel was asked whether it would be a violation of the Policy if the Office of [Name] could solicit donations from their vendors (entities doing business with The District) for use in an [event] “team-building event” to be held [date]. The ask of the vendors would be for them to act as sponsors for the event by providing “food, gift cards, (and) trinkets in order to support the success of the event.”

The Policy clearly states Section III.C.6.a and III.C.6.c.i that “an official may not solicit any gift”; and an official may not “knowingly accept a gift, directly or indirectly, from a person that the official knows or has reason to know is doing business with or seeking to do business with the Board or City Schools”.

The plan outlined by the [Office] is in violation of The Policy and it is determined that the [Office] may not proceed with the solicitation of gifts from their vendors.

Date: submitted, 27 June 2019

Respectfully

[Signature]
Andrew Flacks
Chairman
Ethics Panel