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Ms. Anne T. Fountain
CITY OF STAMFORD
Department of Health & Social Services
888 Washington Boulevard
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Re: Question for Ethics Board

Dear Ms. Fountain:

We have reviewed your email of February 27, 2013, asking for this Board's view whether it would violate the City of Stamford Code of Ethics to accept invitation received as Director of Health and human Services to be a guest at events sponsored or paid for by "partner organizations" of the City, where the presumed value is more than \$50.00.

We commend your decision to seek advice from this Board. But you have described a range of possible *events*, serving a broad range of possible purposes, and paid for and attended by a broad range of possible *persons*. Specific information as to each of these factors would be relevant to this board's examination of any particular invitation. Without such information we are unable to proceed and, for that reason, we decline your request for an advisory opinion.

We recognize the importance of your question to officers and employees at all levels. Moreover, your request and continuing service to the City add momentum to the question. For that reason, this board will undertake to provide guidance in this space.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl G. Bader".

Cheryl G. Bader, Chairperson