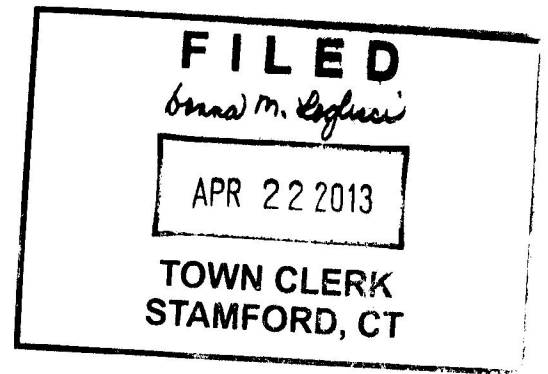




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Mr. Milton Puryear  
Executive Director  
Mill River Collaborative  
c/o Land Use Bureau  
888 Washington Blvd.  
Stamford, CT 06904-2152

Dear Mr. Puryear,

Thank you for your letter of March 1, 2013 requesting an Advisory Opinion from the Board of Ethics regarding City representatives' participation in the upcoming Grand Opening Gala for Mill River Park.

The Board has reviewed this matter and finds no conflict with the City's Code of Ethics. Attendance and participation in the event by the government officials falls under the City Code of Ethics Section 19-9.B.3, which excludes from "Prohibited Gifts:"

*"Public, governmental-sponsored or informational events generally accepted as a condition of office or employment, where food may be served and small souvenirs of the event, of a minor monetary value, may be distributed to all attendees, which are not designated to influence the proper judgment or action of the officer or employee in a manner within his or her authority."*

This finding of exclusion for this event applies to the following City officials:

- The Mayor and his Cabinet
- The Chairman of the Board of Finance
- The President, Clerk, and Leadership Members of the Board of Representatives
- The Director of OPM
- The Land Use Bureau Chief
- The City Engineer
- The Director of Public Health

We wish you a successful Grand Opening Event and thank the Collaborative for its on-going contributions to improve our City.

Cheryl Bader, Chair  
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