

BOARD OF ETHICS
City of Stamford
888 Washington Boulevard
Stamford, Connecticut 06904

November 17, 1997

Thomas A. Lombardo
Captain of Police
City of Stamford
805 Bedford Street
Stamford, CT 06901

Dear Captain Lombardo:

As you are aware, on October 30, 1997 the Board of Ethics met to review and discuss your request for an Advisory Opinion. Specifically, you asked whether you, as a member of the City of Stamford Policy Department, were able to accept an invitation from Chase Bank to attend the New York City marathon. It is the opinion of the Board of Ethics that your acceptance of this invitation does not violate §19-9 of the Code of Ethics, prohibited gifts. In issuing this opinion, the Board relies upon your letter dated October 23, 1997, and the itinerary for the weekend. Specifically, the itinerary indicates you will be participating in a briefing conducted by the New York City Police Department to review the varied logistics involved with the marathon. Subsequent to this briefing, you will be observing the marathon in person to observe the New York City Police Department implementing various policies and procedures with regard to the marathon.

This opinion is binding upon the Board of Ethics and yourself unless amended or revoked, and reliance on this opinion in good faith is an absolute defense in any action or proceeding brought under the provision of the Code of Ethics.

The Board thanks you for taking the time and effort to request an Advisory Opinion.

Very truly yours,



Amy LiVolsi Gragg
Chairman of the Board of Ethics

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cc: Lois Pont-Briant
All Members of the Board of Ethics