

**From:** Rutan, Ed  
**Sent:** Friday, May 22, 2009 3:11 PM  
**To:** Shreeve, Bianca  
**Cc:** Ferguson, Boyd  
**Subject:** FW: REAL Tickets and the Mayor

Bianca—

Your first question—I would call the Mayor's Office and ask them what they think a reasonable estimate would be. (Let me know what it is so we can be sure we're comfortable with the objectivity of the number.)

Your second question--While I think that the usage here would be of minimal "cost" to the City, I think it presents a real "appearances" problem. As an alternative, she probably could use the public internet access at the Main Library without much difficulty.

Thanks

Ed

**From:** Shreeve, Bianca  
**Sent:** Friday, May 22, 2009 2:07 PM  
**To:** Rutan, Ed  
**Subject:** RE: REAL Tickets and the Mayor

Okay, so my next step is to determine a good faith estimation of these tickets. Would I ask Mayor Dolan's staff for this information or maybe the Rio Tinto Stadium? Let me know what you suggest.

Also, on an unrelated topic, the Mayor's girlfriend Kate is going to be in Salt Lake City all next week and is looking for a place that has internet access that she can use for a few days to work. Is it inappropriate for her to work at an intern station for a few hours next week if she needs to? Could we compensate the city adequately for such use, if that is necessary?

Sorry for all the questions. Thank you.

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Bianca—

To start with the end, it would be an appropriate expense to pay for the soccer tickets in conjunction with a meeting with Mayor Dolan out of either City funds or the Mayor's Leadership Fund. While there may be no actual "charge" for the tickets in the box, they do have "value" and the Leadership Fund or the City should pay a good faith estimation of that value.

Mayor Becker should not accept the gift of these tickets without paying for them UNLESS he expects that there will be a series of meetings with Mayor Dolan, with the host alternating and providing at his expense the entertainment in equivalent amounts. In other words, they would each “pick up the check” in roughly equal amounts.

Paragraph 1.3 of the Executive Order on Employee’s Acceptance of Gifts specifically confirms that the prohibition includes gifts given as “social hospitality.” Mayor Becker’s meeting with Mayor Dolan will not be open to the public. In other words, this is not like the Mayor attending a public event like the dedication of the new stadium. (Compare Paragraph 1.6, which permits City employees to accept hospitality when representing the City at a cultural, chaitable, etc. event)

From a conflict of interest perspective, this meeting is really no different from the Mayor meeting with executives of REAL Salt Lake. Mayor Dolan is a public official, but he is a public official of Sandy and Sandy’s interests are not necessarily the same as Salt Lake City’s. As a result, the concern for the POTENTIAL of improper influence that underlies the City’s conflict of interest policies is present here.

Thanks

Ed

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**From:** Shreeve, Bianca  
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**Subject:** REAL Tickets and the Mayor

Hey Ed,

I wanted to check with something, as always, on the vagueness of the gift policy with respect to the Mayor’s official duties.

In effort to build a relationship with Sandy Mayor Dolan, we wanted to set up a time for Ralph to go to a REAL Salt Lake soccer game with Dolan. I informed his assistant that the Mayor is not only bound by executive order not to accept gifts of any kind but that he is particularly sensitive about impropriety.

His assistant told me that they have a box suite throughout the season and that there is no actual charge per ticket when Mayor Dolan has guests accompany him to games. Nevertheless, I told her I’d have to check with you and that compensation would somehow be worked out. Ralph is starting up his leadership fund, in which that type of expense, I believe, would be appropriate.

Can you advise here? You’re the best, thank you!

Bianca

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