



CITY OF CHICAGO



BOARD OF ETHICS

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Jason Ervin
Chairman, Committee on the Budget and Government Operations

From: Steve Berlin
Executive Director
Board of Ethics

CC: Kennedy Bartley
Chief External Affairs Officer
Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

Date: November 20, 2024

Re: Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

ID#: 78-01

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on November 9, 2024, to discuss the proposed 2025 budget.

Alderman Matt Martin asked for the amount of fines assessed by the Board in the past year for violations of the campaign contribution limitation provisions of the City's Governmental Ethics Ordinance.

Response: \$10,500

As always, please let me know if you have any further questions.



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Re: Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

ID#: 78-02

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on November 9, 2024, to discuss the proposed 2025 budget.

Alderman Raymond Lopez asked for a breakdown since January 1, 2024, of the number and topics of informal advisory opinions issued by the Board.

The table below include the topics and number of informal advisory opinions issued by the Board.

Topics	Number of Opinions Issued
Gifts	839
Travel	821
Lobbying	254
Statements of Financial Interests	223
Political Activity	171
No Jurisdiction	164
City Property^	151
Other*	121
Outside employment	109
Campaign Financing	97
Representation	81

Topics	Number of Opinions Issued
Post-employment	80
Financial Interest in City business	57
Prohibited Conduct*	35
Conflicts of Interest/Improper Influence	28
Fiduciary Duty	19
Relatives/nepotism	15
Sexual Harassment	2
Whistleblower Protection	3

^Includes social media blocking

*Includes classes, FOIA, general information about adjudications, investigations