



**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS**  
**CITY OF CHICAGO**

February 14, 2020

Steven I. Berlin  
Executive Director  
Chicago Board of Ethics  
740 North Sedgwick Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60654

Dear Executive Director Berlin,

Pursuant to Sections 2-156-142(a)(1)(ii) and 2-156-144 of the Code, the Department of Buildings wishes to report the refusal and the return of gifts. The gifts were delivered today to the Department's City Hall offices via U.S. Mail. The gifts were a hat, gloves, hand warmer, and a Nestles hot cocoa mix packet (all value unknown). The gifts came with a cover letter and company literature from Open Counter which appears to be a commercial permit phone or computer software application. In addition to returning the gifts we have informed Open Counter that City contracts are via an open public bidding process administered by the Department of Procurement Services and that no such public procurement for commercial permit phone or computer software application is pending or anticipated in the near future.

Sincerely,

Matthew W. Beaudet  
First Deputy Commissioner

cc: Judith Frydland, Commissioner





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Mr. Nate Kurash  
Director of Sales  
Open Counter  
4 Meadowlawn Dr. #18  
Mentor, OH 44060

Dear Mr. Kurash,

Please note that we are running the gifts sent to the Department as the acceptance of such gifts is prohibited under the City's Code of Ethics. Also, please note that all City contracts are via an open public bidding process administered by the Department of Procurement Services and that no such public procurement for commercial permit phone or computer software application is pending or anticipated in the near future.

Sincerely,

Matthew W. Beaudet  
First Deputy Commissioner

cc: Judith Fryland, Commissioner

