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RE: Request for Advisory Opinion by Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder

Dear Commission Members:

I am writing to request an advisory opinion on a factual situation that may implicate state law regarding gift bans.

The Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder's Office received as a holiday gift a box of items from the Denver Broncos. Included in the items were footballs signed by various Denver Broncos players, a baseball hat signed by John Elway, a pair of cleats signed by Champ Bailey, and numerous Denver Bronco T-shirts (unsigned). While the retail value of the items without signatures is less than \$53.00, any additional value the signatures bring if they were sold is unknown. As head of the office receiving the items, I would like to distribute them to employees through the use of a drawing whereby each employee's name is placed on a piece of paper, placed in a box and the recipient of a particular item is then drawn from the box. My name will not be included in the drawing. I view this opportunity to receive one of the items as a bonus to the employees of the Clerk and Recorder's Office for their hard work throughout the year. Further, because the gift was to the office and not any one individual, this seemed the fairest way to distribute the limited number of items. I request an advisory opinion on whether Clerk and Recorder employees would be violating Colorado Constitution, Article XXIX should they receive one of the items.

I have not conducted the drawing and am waiting for your response. Should you need additional information, please feel free to contact me. Thank you in advance for reviewing the situation.

Sincerely,

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