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WASHINGTON ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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**Opinion Docket No. 07-10-09
Request by Niel Gorrell
Chair, Executive Ethics Committee**

1. What is the definition of a charitable or benevolent entity?
2. Does the term "a charitable or benevolent entity, including but not limited to a person or family in need, as determined by a majority vote of the approved group of employees" under RCW 9.46.0209 mean that the "person or family in need" must be a charitable or benevolent entity, or can it be any person or family the group of employees choose?
3. If RCW 9.46.0209 means that any group of agency employees may vote to hold a raffle for any person or family in need, can they also include the family, family member or friend of the state employee requesting the raffle?
4. How can the Ethics Board reconcile the intent of RCW 42.52.070 that prohibits the use of one's state position for special privileges for oneself, family member or other persons, with RCW 9.46.0209 if it is this statute's intent to allow executive branch employees to hold raffles to raise money for their own family and friends?

