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FICTIONAL RESOLUTIONS



The end of December presents an ideal moment to think about how we'll be better and more ethical in the coming year.

Now, we're sure that you, dear reader, are *already* fully compliant with Chapter 68, so let's hear some resolutions for ethically-dubious fictional characters — pretending that they are City employees, of course.

Perhaps Jabba the Hutt should swear off accepting valuable gifts, like protocol droids and smugglers frozen in carbonite. Does Cinderella's evil stepmother regret treating her own daughters with such favoritism over her more deserving step-daughter? And every cable drama (and most comedies!) seems to center around a business, dynastic kingdom, hospital, or crime family being run with somewhat-less-than-ethical flair. A more Chapter 68-compliant 2021 could await them all!

(Need some inspiration? Check out the [two-page Plain Language Guide](#).)

Submit your character's resolution(s) to contest@coib.nyc.gov by Friday, January 22nd. Entries will be judged on creativity, humor, and especially Chapter 68 accuracy — we'll feature our favorite in next month's edition of *The Public Service Puzzler*.

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AN ODE TO CHAPTER 68

It's holiday season and gift-giving time
However, there are some broad rules that I need to remind
All who are employed by this City so great
(These rules are contained in Charter Chapter 68).
As City employees we cannot accept
Valuable gifts for our service — please do not forget,
A gift can be big or a gift can be small
From fruit baskets to art to a spree at the mall!
A meal is a no-no, and so is a tip;
A glass of champagne? Not even a sip!
It's nice to be seen for a job we've well done;
And being appreciated is certainly fun.
But remember we cannot take gifts, cash, or favors
From businesses, vendors, or even taxpayers.
So be careful, be safe, enjoy family and friends.
The privilege of serving is our gift in the end.

MEET EVA GAMBINO



What is your City title?

Special Assistant to the Assistant Commissioner and Treasurer, Department of Finance.

What do you do in your job?

I serve as a Chief of Staff and handle all administrative issues for the Treasury Division.

How long have you been working for the City?

I have been with the NYC Department of Finance since July 1995.

A fun fact about you someone wouldn't know just by looking:

I play classical piano and played at Carnegie Hall when I was 16 years old.

What's your favorite part of City service?

Being able to help people, whether internal or external customers.