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**From:** Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2015 8:27 AM  
**To:** Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)  
**Subject:** Linda Sykes Salesperson, Office Depot (lobbying) INQ 15-219

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**From:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2015 4:32 PM  
**To:** Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE); Perez, Martha D. (COE)  
**Subject:** INQ 15-219 Linda Sykes Salesperson, Office Depot (lobbying)

Linda Sykes, a salesperson employed by Office Depot, inquired regarding whether she would need to register to lobby before the City of Homestead City Council in order to argue that the Council should not approve a contract with another company for purchase of furniture for City Hall, but should rather purchase the furniture from Home Depot. The City of Homestead had elected to utilize a State of Florida contract, under which both Home Depot and the other vendor are approved vendors of office equipment. The City had apparently decided to go with the other vendor, even though it would be more expensive than if it had chosen to order the furniture from Home Depot. Ms. Sykes represents Home Depot in sales in the County and elsewhere and had been told by the Homestead City Clerk that she needed to register as a lobbyist in order to appear before the City Council on behalf of Home Depot. I indicated that I agreed that she should register under Section 2-11.1(s) of the County Code.

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