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Subject: RE: lobbyist

not everyone is exempt. if an expert witness is not providing "expert information" and is advocating (ie an architect serving as a runner etc) they are a lobbyist. many developers hire employees to see the plans through and to advocate certain results-they are lobbyists. Robert do you have other examples?

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From: Goizueta, Virginia
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2005 1:06 PM
To: Hernandez, Elizabeth
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Liz,

We need a clarification on who needs to register as a lobbyist. Attached please find a paragraph that was inserted in the Development Review Committee manual at the time of its creation. Upon review of this exemption it seems to me that everyone is exempt. Is this no longer true?

SECTION 8.0 - Lobbyist Registration and Disclosure

Persons appearing before the Development Review Committee are required to register as a Lobbyist w City of Coral Gables City Clerk [(305) 460-5207] in accordance with the "Miami-Dade County Code" se 11.1. These requirements apply to all municipalities and all "lobbyists" who appear before a m government.

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"Lobbyist" means all persons, firms, or corporations employed or retained by a principal who seeks to encourage the passage, defeat, or modifications of (1) ordinance, resolution, action or decision of the County Commission; (2) any action, decision, recommendation of the County Manager or any county board or committee; or (3) any action, decision or recommendation of County personnel during the time period of the entire decision-making process on such action, decision, or recommendation which foreseeable will be heard or reviewed by the County Commission, or a County board or committee. "Lobbyist" specifically includes the principal as well as the employee whose normal scope of employment includes lobbyist activities.

The term "Lobbyist" specially excludes the following persons: attorneys or other representatives retained or employed solely for the purpose of representing individuals, corporations or other entities during publicly noticed quasi-judicial proceedings where the law prohibits ex-pâte communications; expert witnesses who provide only scientific, technical or other specialized information or testimony in public meetings; any person who only appears as a representative of a neighborhood association without compensation or reimbursement for the appearance, whether direct, indirect or contingent, to express support or opposition to any item; any person who only appears as a representative of a non-for-profit community based organization for the purpose of requesting a grant without special compensation or reimbursement for the appearance; and employees of a principal whose normal scope of employment does not include lobbyist activities.

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