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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2006 1:18 PM
To: 'Christina Prkic'
Subject: RE: Ethics question

Hi Christina,

There are a couple of ways to look at this. The easiest approach is probably to focus on the exemption for vendors who are city officers. Obviously, Commissioner Stern is a city officer and a city vendor; therefore, he is entitled to the exemption and may donate to a Commission campaign. The other option is to conclude that Commissioner Stern is no longer a city vendor – this assumes that his magazine has already published the City's financial report. If this is true, then he can donate to a candidate in next year's election because he is no longer a current vendor with the City.

Do you agree?

Hope all is well and I will speak with you soon.

Robert

From: Christina Prkic [mailto:cprkic@wsh-law.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2006 5:44 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
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Hi Robert,

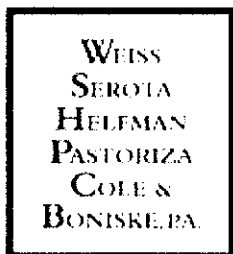
How are you? David asked that I run this matter by you.

The Aventura Code has a recent provision barring City vendors from donating to Commission campaigns. I've attached the Ordinance for your review. The Ordinance provides an exemption for vendors or service providers who are city officers or employees.

Commissioner Michael Stern, who is an owner of the Aventura magazine, received a limited transaction waiver by the City Commission a few months ago, as allowed by County Ethics Code and State Ethics Code, for the purpose of the magazine's annual publication of the City's financial report. Would the exemption in Section 4(a) (iii) permit the Commissioner to make a personal contribution to a candidate for next year's City Commission race?

Thanks in advance for your attention to this.

Talk with you soon.
Christina



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