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From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2018 11:41 AM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: FW: Manuel J. Gonzalez, Chief, Office of Economic Development and International Trade, Miami-Dade County Regulatory and Economic Resources Department (Exploitation) INQ 18-83
Attachments: Markus letter 2018.docx

INQ 18-83 Gonzalez

Rodzandra:

Please save this to M drive. Thanks-

From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2018 9:53 AM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE) <Rodzandra.Sanchez@miamidade.gov>
Subject: Manuel J. Gonzalez, Chief, Office of Economic Development and International Trade, Miami-Dade County Regulatory and Economic Resources Department (Exploitation) INQ 18-83

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From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Friday, April 06, 2018 4:21 PM
To: Gonzalez, Manuel J. (RER) <Manuel.Gonzalez3@miamidade.gov>
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Subject: INQ 18-83 Manuel J. Gonzalez, Chief, Office of Economic Development and International Trade, Miami-Dade County Regulatory and Economic Resources Department (Exploitation)

Mr. Gonzalez:

It is my understanding that you would like an opinion from us concerning whether you may sign and send a letter of recommendation (attached) on behalf of Andrew Markus, a member of the Board of Directors for Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT), in the Miami-Dade County Office of Regulatory and Economic Resources. The letter is on the stationery of OEDIT and recounts your knowledge and impressions of Mr. Markus work there. You expect it to be used by Mr. Markus in his application to be Honorary Consul General of Romania.

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Sincerely,

Joe Centorino

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From: Gonzalez, Manuel J. (RER)
Sent: Friday, April 06, 2018 2:43 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE) <Joseph.Centorino@miamidade.gov>
Subject: FW: Markus Letter please advise

May I be able to execute this letter. This person is applying to be Honorary Consul General of Romania.

From: Peters, Adam (RER)
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2018 4:24 PM
To: Gonzalez, Manuel J. (RER) <Manuel.Gonzalez3@miamidade.gov>
Subject: Markus Letter

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April 4, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

Andrew Joshua Markus, Esq. has been a member of the Board of Directors of the International Trade Consortium (ITC) of Miami-Dade County since November of 1992. The purpose of the ITC is to provide the Mayor of Miami-Dade County and the Board of County Commissioners advice on matters relating international trade, and it is comprised of members appointed by the Mayor, Commissioners, Miami International Airport, PortMiami, and local, state and federal economic development organizations. On the ITC Board, Mr. Markus is appointed by and represents the Miami Dade Beacon Council, Miami-Dade's official economic development partnership.

Mr. Markus' contributions to the ITC Board have been significant over the years. He is also an active member of the Board's Trade Promotion & Marketing Committee, which developed the Going Global workshop series presented by our office, and he has volunteered as a presenter at numerous Going Global seminars.

Sincerely,

Manuel J. Gonzalez
Chief
Office of Economic Development and International Trade



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