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Subject: INQ 07-126 South Miami CRA Scholarships

Eve,

This is in response to our discussion today regarding the children of two City of South Miami employees who are eligible to receive scholarships from the City of South Miami CRA.

We concluded that the children of the City employees may accept the scholarships from the CRA because the CRA in South Miami is substantially distinct and independent from the City itself. For example, the CRA owns property in its own name and conducts business under its own employment identification number. Additionally, the scholarships are the result of civic achievement, i.e., the children have obtained a certain grade-point average to qualify for the scholarships. Therefore, the scholarships fall within the exception to the gift ordinance at 2-11.1 (e)(2)(c).

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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