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To: Suarez-Rivas, Rafael
Subject: Principals as Lobbyists (Matter ID No. 10-2745)
Attachments: Principal Lobbyist Registration and Annual Expenditure Report Requirements 10-20.pdf

Hello Rafael,

This email is to clarify the County lobbying ordinance as it pertains to principals in light of a [\[1\]](#) recent amendment exempting principals from paying lobbyist registration fees.

[\[2\]](#)

As you are aware, the County requires principals to register as lobbyists. In June 2010, the County amended the lobbying ordinance to exempt *all* principals from paying the County's [\[3\]](#)

lobbyist registration fees.

This exemption is limited to the payment of the lobbyist fees only. *Principals are still required to register as lobbyists and to comport with all other provisions of the lobbyist ordinance, including filing Annual Expenditure Reports.*

Consequently, the County has instructed principals who are registered as lobbyists in the County to continue submitting Annual Expenditure Reports.

The County Code has no provision related to ethics training for lobbyists. The requirement that lobbyists attend ethics training is a creature of the City Code.

Attached is an informal opinion from the City Attorney's Office (Matter ID No. 10-2745) that prompted this correspondence.

As always, thank you for helping to clarify lobbyists registration requirements in the City and the County.

Regards,

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[1]

Miami-Dade Co. Ordinance No. 10-34, File No. 101281, June 3, 2010.

[2]

“Lobbyist specifically includes the principal....” Miami-Dade Co. Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (s)(1)(b).

[3]

Now codified at Miami-Dade Co. Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (s)(3)(b).