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Mr. Geller inquired regarding whether an email from a councilmember to other councilmembers, after being filed as a public record with the Clerk's Office, could be responded to by another councilmember as long as the response were likewise to be filed with the Clerk as a public records. Mr. Geller was informed that the exception to the Sunshine law permits only one-way written communications to be handled in this fashion. Any response in writing to such a communication, even if filed with the Clerk as a public record, would turn the exchange into a two-way communication between members of public board, which would not be permitted outside of a meeting held under the Sunshine Law.

Joseph M. Centoríno

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