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Thank you very much for your prompt attention.  
Debbie

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Ms. Eastman,

You have inquired on behalf of Town Councilwoman Mary Ann Mixon regarding whether she may wear her Town Council shirt, which identifies her as a council member and which is issued to her by the Town, during her campaign for re-election to the Town Council. It is my opinion, as indicated by prior ethics inquiries in this area, that Councilwoman Mixon may wear her Town-issued shirt for identification purposes at any time, including campaign activities. The shirt is her own property and her use of such an item is associated with identifying her as a current member of the Town Council. It is her prerogative to use the shirt in any matter she feels appropriate, provided that she does not use it for purposes of intimidation or improper influence to gain a benefit to which she is not entitled. If she were to do so, it might constitute an Exploitation of Official Position under Section 2-11.1(g) of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance.

Sincerely,

*Joseph M. Centorino*

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