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**Subject:** INQ - Luigi Boria, Mayor, City of Doral (Gifts) - From Robert Meyers, Weiss Serota Helfman, City of Doral Attorneys

Robert,

You have inquired on behalf of Mayor Luigi Boria, City of Doral, regarding whether his wife's complimentary ticket for attendance at a function underwritten by a lobbyist or a city vendor would be subject to the \$25 limitation gifts from vendors and lobbyists contained in Section 2-396 of the Code of Ethics contained in the Doral City Code. The latter section prohibits acceptance by a member of the city council, charter official or city employee of a gift in excess of \$25 from any city vendor or registered lobbyist. The Mayor of Doral serves as a member and chair of the Doral City Council.

The Commission has found in the past that a complimentary ticket provided to a spouse or family member because of that person's relationship with a city official is, in effect, a gift to that official which is subject to applicable gift limitation and reporting requirements. In this instance, the Mayor of Doral would be considered the recipient of a complimentary ticket provided to his wife. Accordingly, the Mayor's wife could not accept a gift greater than \$25, where the cost of that gift is borne by a city vendor or lobbyist. It is assumed, for the purposes of this opinion, that that the complimentary ticket for the Mayor himself would be subject to the same provision, unless the Mayor was performing some official public duty in his role as Mayor at the function, in accordance with the Addendum to the Ticket Policy that has been adopted by the Commission on Ethics.

Sincerely,

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