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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2015 12:23 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: Thomas Pepe, City Attorney, City of South Miami (Lobbying) INQ 15-194

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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2015 12:23 PM  
**To:** 'Pepe, Thomas F.'  
**Cc:** Centorino, Joseph (COE); Perez, Martha D. (COE)  
**Subject:** Thomas Pepe, City Attorney, City of South Miami (Lobbying) INQ 15-194

Dear Mr. Pepe:

You have inquired whether a property owner who will be appear at a meeting at the request of the City of South Miami's City Manager to discuss the City's potential interest in purchasing that owner's property would require the owner to register as a lobbyist.

In general, "Meet and Greet" appearances or communications requested by City Staff to obtain general information about property, goods, and services, when no related matter is foreseeably before any City Commission, board or committee does not require registration as a lobbyist. *See generally* RQO 06-64, INQ 12-75, and INQ 15-93. Consequently, under the facts stated in your email, the property owner would not be required to register as a lobbyist.

Please note however, that appearances at meetings with the intent to influence the City to contract with the property owner or to negotiate terms of any contract between the City and the owner would require registration as a lobbyist. *See* Miami-Dade Code § 2-11.1(s)(1)(b). Thus, if you anticipate that during this meeting with the City, the property owner will engage in a conversation that would involve an attempt to persuade the City to contract with the owner or to negotiate contract terms, then the owner should register as a lobbyist prior to this meeting.

Please contact us if you have any further questions.

Best regards,

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**From:** Pepe, Thomas F. [<mailto:TPepe@southmiamifl.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2015 1:31 PM  
**To:** Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)  
**Subject:** Lobbying Question re City's interest to purchase property

The City is interested in the potential of purchasing property. If the City Manager reaches out to the owner and agrees to a meeting between the City Manager and the owner's representative, will that meeting be consider lobbying on the part of the owner's representative.

Very truly yours,

*Thomas F. Pepe*

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