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Subject: INQ 15-246 Mayor Connie Leon-Kreps, North Bay Village (Sunshine Law)

Mayor Connie Leon-Kreps of North Bay Village inquired regarding whether it would be a Sunshine Law violation for her and other members of the North Bay Village Commission to attend a meeting being held in the home of a North Bay Village resident, called to discuss issues connected to the practice of unregulated rental of homes in the Village. I advised her that, generally, opinions under the Sunshine Law have permitted two or more members of the same public board to attend neighborhood or other citizen-led meetings to discuss public issues, even though there will be discussion of issues that could foreseeably come before the Village Commission at some point. I advised Mayor Leon-Kreps that she should not communicate directly with any other board member, but that she could speak in to the residents in response to their questions and concerns. I also advised her that, in order to avoid any appearance of impropriety under the Sunshine Law, it would be the best practice for her and her fellow Commission members to avoid being in the room when another members is speaking, even though their presence would not necessarily violate the Sunshine Law.

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