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From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2016 11:41 AM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: Evan Ross, Lobbyist, North Miami Beach (Gifts) Revised INQ 16-245

Revised INQ 16-245 Ross

From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Saturday, October 29, 2016 12:32 PM
To: Turay, Radia (COE) <Radia.Turay@miamidade.gov>; Perez, Martha D. (COE) <perezmd@miamidade.gov>; Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE) <Gilma.Diaz-Greco@miamidade.gov>
Subject: Revised INQ 16-245 Evan Ross,Lobbyist, North Miami Beach (Gifts)

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INQ 16-245 Ross

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