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INQ 16-50 Arrojo

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**From:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 19, 2016 8:10 AM  
**To:** Perez, Martha D. (COE) <perezmd@miamidade.gov>; Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE) <GDIAZGR@miamidade.gov>  
**Subject:** INQ 16-50 Jose Arrojo, Chief Assistant, Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office (Lobbying)

Jose Arrojo, a Chief Assistant at the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office (SAO), inquired concerning whether he and other personnel from the SAO could appear before the County Commission or speak with County personnel regarding funding for programs in which the State Attorney has some interest or involvement, without having to register as lobbyists. I informed him that under Section 2-11.1(s)(3)(a), "Any public officer, employee or appointee who only appears in his or her official capacity shall not be required to register as a lobbyist." Accordingly, Mr. Arrojo or other employees of the State Attorney's Office may make such appearances without registering as lobbyists, as long as they are acting within their official roles.

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**From:** Katherine Fernandez Rundle [<mailto:KatherineFernandezRundle@MiamiSAO.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2016 4:52 PM  
**To:** Jose Arrojo <[JoseArrojo@MiamiSAO.com](mailto:JoseArrojo@MiamiSAO.com)>; Howard Rosen <[HowardRosen@MiamiSAO.com](mailto:HowardRosen@MiamiSAO.com)>; Esther Jacobo <[EstherJacobo@MiamiSAO.com](mailto:EstherJacobo@MiamiSAO.com)>; Ted Mannelli <[TedMannelli@MiamiSAO.com](mailto:TedMannelli@MiamiSAO.com)>; Centorino, Joseph (COE) <[CENTORI@miamidade.gov](mailto:CENTORI@miamidade.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Local Lobbying Ordinance

Thank you all for being so diligent.

*Kathy*



**Katherine Fernandez Rundle**  
State Attorney

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**From:** Jose Arrojo  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 16, 2016 1:19 PM  
**To:** Katherine Fernandez Rundle  
**Cc:** Howard Rosen; Esther Jacobo; Ted Mannelli  
**Subject:** Local Lobbying Ordinance

You asked Howard, Esther, Ted and I to talk about our local efforts to obtain funding for positions and programs in our office. We have confirmed that the county ordinance that deals with lobbying the county specifically exempts elected officials, their staff, or appointees as long as they are lobbying in their official capacity on behalf of the agency and seeking funding for the agency or its programs. So as regards our interaction with the County, we are exempt. Howard and I called and spoke to Joe Centorino, whose office is charged with investigating violations of the ordinance, and he

drew our attention to the exemption part of the ordinance and opined that our activities at the county level are exempt. Thank you. Jose