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INQ 17-270 Martinez

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Subject: RE: INQ 17-270 Roberto Martinez, Esq. (Lobbyist Registration)

Mr. Centorino: Good afternoon.

Thank you for your prompt response.

Bob

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Bob,

I received your inquiry concerning whether you would need to register as a lobbyist to meet with County officials, including the Mayor and at the Mayor's request, to provide information in connection with a criminal investigation and its resolution by the U.S. Attorney's Office and your client, Pinnacle Housing Group. Pinnacle has had or aspires to have a business relationship with the County. Due to the fact of this investigation, some issues have been raised concerning whether Pinnacle's issues related to the investigation may disqualify it from doing business with the County. Pinnacle has retained a lobbyist to work on its behalf regarding its future business relationship with the County. Neither you nor your firm has been retained for such purposes. Your sole relationship with Pinnacle involves your past representation of the company in connection with the federal criminal investigation. The purpose of the meeting requested by the Mayor which you will attend is for the provision of information related only to the investigation and the issues in that investigation connected to your client. You have informed that you do not intend to discuss any aspect of a future business relationship of your client with the County in that meeting, but will only to provide the requested information to County officials so they will be fully and accurately informed about the facts of that investigation and its resolution.

Based on these representations, and the fact that you have not been retained to influence any decision on the part of the County, but rather to represent a private client in a federal criminal matter; and that any meeting you may have with County officials comes at the request of the Mayor to provide information that is peculiarly within your knowledge

and expertise; it is my opinion that you do not need to register as a lobbyist in Miami-Dade County under Section 2-11.1(s)(2).

Sincerely,
Joe Centorino

Joseph M. Centorino

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