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From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 3:20 PM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: Manny Cid, Mayor, Town of Miami Lakes (Voting Conflict) INQ 18-33

INQ 18-33 Cid

From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 2:44 PM
To: 'Raul Gastesi' <rgastesi@gastesi.com>; cidm@miamilakes-fl.gov
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Subject: INQ 18-33 Manny Cid, Mayor, Town of Miami Lakes

Mayor Cid,

You inquired regarding whether there would be a voting conflict for you to participate and vote on an application coming before the Town Council of the Town of Miami Lakes concerning the application to construct an office building. One of the individual owners on the project is Albert Gonzalez, a local architect. You are aware that Mr. Gonzalez has performed architectural services for clients of your employer, Horizon Properties, which manages and leases shopping centers/retail space, and where you are an associate without an ownership interest. You have explained that you have no personal financial or business relationship with Mr. Gonzalez, and that, to the best of your knowledge, Mr. Gonzalez does not have any financial or business relationship with Horizon Properties. Horizon has no interest in or connection to the application in question, nor do you have any personal interest, direct or indirect, in the application.

Under these circumstances, the mere fact that the applicant has a business relationship with clients of your employer does not create a voting conflict for you in participating in and voting on the issue when it comes before the Town Council. You do not have any of the enumerated relationships with the party in interest in the project, and there is no reasonable likelihood that you will profit or be enhanced by the approval or disapproval of the project. Accordingly, you may participate in the discussion on this issue and you may vote on the application when it comes before the Town Council.

Sincerely,

Joe Centorino

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From: Raul Gastesi [<mailto:rgastesi@gastesi.com>]
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Subject: Re: Question

Mr. Centorino

Please see below. I do not believe that this is a conflict. Please let us know your thoughts.

Raul

On Tue, Feb 6, 2018 at 7:58 AM, Manny Cid <CidM@miamilakes-fl.gov> wrote:

Raul, at tonight's Council meeting there is an item on the agenda pertaining to an application for an office building.

One of the owners is Albert Gonzalez. Mr. Gonzalez is a local architect.

I am currently an associate at Horizon Properties (we manage & lease shopping centers/retail space). We have clients at Horizon that have utilized Mr. Gonzalez for architectural services.

Is this a conflict or not? Please advise and verify with Joe Centerino.

Sent from my iPhone

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