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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
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I spoke to Barry Goldmeyer on February 9, 2007 and he told me that he is a real estate developer and wishes to represent his limited liability company in front of county boards and to meet with county staff. Furthermore, he is member of the county's Affordable Housing Board. Mr. Goldmeyer wants to know whether he is a lobbyist when he appears on behalf of his own company.

I advised Mr. Goldmeyer that a presentation before a quasi-judicial board is exempt from the registration requirements. However, any private meeting he has with staff where he seeks to influence them on behalf on his company is a form of lobbying and he must register. The fact that Mr. Goldmeyer is representing his own company has no bearing on this determination. The Code explicitly states that a principal is considered a lobbyist and must register.

Finally, if Mr. Goldmeyer meets with the Board of County Commissioners in his capacity as a member of the Affordable Housing Board, he does not have to register as a lobbyist.

Robert Meyers
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