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To: Marquez, Edward (Office of the Mayor)
Cc: Centorino, Joseph (COE); Ramos, Miriam S. (COE)
Subject: Cisco Representatives (INQ 12-75)

Mr. Marquez,

As we discussed, the President of Cisco's Globalization Division and two of his associates are not lobbyists if they meet with Mayor Gimenez to discuss, in general, Cisco's activities abroad.

Although some foreign cities have adopted Cisco's network as a platform for international transactions, we understand that *no issues related to these activities are currently or foreseeably pending in the County.*

As we also discussed, lobbying is defined very broadly by the Ethics Commission to include many actions intended to influence an official decision. We recommend that Cisco representatives govern themselves accordingly.

Sincerely,

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I received a call from Mayor Gimenez' Chief of Staff. He explained that the Mayor has a meeting with Cisco representatives and they have been told by the Clerk's Office that they need to register as lobbyist. He wanted to confirm that they have to do so. I asked him what the nature of the meeting is and he described it as a "meet and greet." I explained the lobbying ordinance and the fact that there is a fine line between a "meet and greet" and Cisco lobbying the Mayor for the County's business. He understood. I also informed him of the ethics training requirement.

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