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Subject: Campaign contributions with ongoing city business (INQ 13-153)
Attachments: Ethics Brochure 2010.pdf

Mr. Roos,

Under the County Ethics Code Sec. 2-11.1 (e)(2)(a), a city or County commissioner may accept campaign contributions from someone with business before the commission on which he or she sits. Under state election laws at Fla. Stat. 106.07, commissioners running for office must file regular reports of all contributions received.

Additionally, some municipalities within the County have enacted stricter prohibitions regarding city vendors than the County. In Miami Beach, for example, city vendors, lobbyists, and real estate developers cannot give campaign contributions to candidates and/or incumbents running for city office. (See Miami Beach City Code at Secs. 2-487 2-488, 2-489.)

As we discussed, some of your questions relate to state election laws, which the County Ethics Commission does not enforce. Attached is a copy of the County Ethics Code, which is under our jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

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From: Hector Roos [<mailto:hectorroos@gmail.com>]
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To: Sibilia, Rhonda (COE)
Subject: Campaign contributions with ongoing city business

Hi Rhonda,

With an eye towards the big municipal elections around the corner, can you tell me if it is legal for a sitting commissioner to receive campaign contributions from someone with city business before the same commissioner and the commission as a whole?

Hector Roos
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