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Subject: Ric Katz, Lobbyist (Lobbying) INQ 14-226

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From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 4:19 PM
To: 'rkatz@communicatz.com'
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Mr. Katz:

You have inquired regarding whether your appearance at the County on behalf of a client, to discuss with County personnel some details concerning the timing or placement of traffic lights at certain intersection, would require that you add the name of the client to the list of clients for whom you have been engaged to lobby. You have indicated that the decision(s) you are seeking to influence are made at the staff level, and would not lead to any decision by the Mayor, the County Commission, or any other County board or committee.

Under these circumstances, you would not need to be registered to lobby on behalf of this particular client. The definition of a lobbyist in Section 2-11.1(s) of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics would apply to a person or entity "employed or retained by a principal who seeks to encourage the passage, defeat or modifications of an action, decision or recommendation of the County Mayor, County Commission, or of County personnel "which foreseeably will be heard or reviewed by the County Commission, or a County board or committee." Where the action you are interested in influencing does not come within the ambit of the aforesaid activities which define who is a lobbyist under the Code, then you would not be acting as a lobbyist on this particular matter, and, therefore, need not be registered to lobby on behalf of this particular client.

Sincerely,

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