



To: Susan DaCosta

From: Craig E. Leen, City Attorney for the City of Coral Gables

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RE: Legal Opinion Regarding Lobbyist Registration

Date: August 10, 2016

Thank you for your inquiry. The renter has her own interest in the property as renter. She may appear before the DRC to speak regarding the property, and she does not become a lobbyist in doing so. Accordingly, she need not register as a lobbyist or pay the registration fee.

This opinion is issued pursuant to sections 2-201(e)(1) and (8) of the City Code.

From: [Leen, Craig](#)
To: [Paulk, Enga](#)
Subject: Fwd: Lobbyist Registration Question
Date: Wednesday, August 10, 2016 12:38:05 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

Please publish.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Leen, Craig" <cleen@coralgables.com>
Date: August 10, 2016 at 12:37:20 PM EDT
To: "Chen, Brigitte" <bchen@coralgables.com>
Cc: "Suarez, Cristina" <csuarez@coralgables.com>, "Ramos, Miriam" <mramos@coralgables.com>, "Dacosta, Susan" <sdacosta@coralgables.com>, "Foeman, Walter" <wfoeman@coralgables.com>, "Urquia, Billy" <burquia@coralgables.com>
Subject: Re: Lobbyist Registration Question

Susan,

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Craig E. Leen
City Attorney

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On Aug 10, 2016, at 11:27 AM, Chen, Brigitte <bchen@coralgables.com> wrote:

Can you respond for Miriam? Thxs.

Regards,

Brigitte M. Chen
Brigitte M. Chen, Paralegal to
Craig Leen, City Attorney

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From: Dacosta, Susan
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2016 11:15 AM
To: Ramos, Miriam
Cc: Chen, Brigitte; Paulk, Enga; City Clerk
Subject: Lobbyist Registration Question

Miriam,

We have a quick question to check with the Attorney's Office on Lobbyist Registration. If a renter speaks on behalf of the property owner before the DRC, is she a lobbyist? Would she pay the \$150.00 lobbyist registration fee to speak before the Board?

We had this inquiry come up in the Clerk's office today and need to respond to the renter with respect to this issue.

As always, thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Susan DaCosta
City Clerk's Office