



To: Susan DaCosta

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "CL", is written over the name "Craig E. Leen".

RE: Legal Opinion Regarding Lobbyist Registration

Date: August 10, 2016

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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](#)

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Leen, Craig" <[cleen@coralgables.com](mailto:cleen@coralgables.com)>  
**Date:** August 10, 2016 at 12:37:20 PM EDT  
**To:** "Chen, Brigitte" <[bchen@coralgables.com](mailto:bchen@coralgables.com)>  
**Cc:** "Suarez, Cristina" <[csuarez@coralgables.com](mailto:csuarez@coralgables.com)>, "Ramos, Miriam" <[mramos@coralgables.com](mailto:mramos@coralgables.com)>, "Dacosta, Susan" <[sdacosta@coralgables.com](mailto:sdacosta@coralgables.com)>, "Foeman, Walter" <[wfoeman@coralgables.com](mailto:wfoeman@coralgables.com)>, "Urquia, Billy" <[burquia@coralgables.com](mailto: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](mailto: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