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Mayor Richard J. Kaplan  
5581 West Oakland Park Boulevard  
Lauderhill, FL 33313

Re: Supplemental Legal Opinion

Dear Mayor Kaplan,


This letter is supplemental to the legal opinion issued on September 23, 2016. Following the issuance of the original opinion, I had the opportunity to speak with Andrew Meyers, Esq., Chief Deputy County Attorney. Prior to speaking with Mr. Myers, I forwarded him a copy of my opinion.

During my conference with Mr. Meyers I explained that the term "other government entity" as used in the amendment to the Broward County Ethics Code was not qualified. Mr. Meyers explained that in drafting the amendment to the ethics code, the phrase "other government entity" was intentionally left unqualified so that the term would include other governmental entities, such as state, national and international governments.

In light of Mr. Meyer's statements and his position with the Broward County Attorney's office, I hereby revise the original opinion issued September 23, 2016. Your participation in the Sister Cities program is still permitted. However, you are still required to report any gift you receive pursuant to the Florida Statutes.

I suggested to Mr. Meyer's that the Broward Ethics Code should be amended to clarify the intent of the phrase "other governmental entities". I also recommended an amendment to specifically make clear that the Florida Statute 112.312(12)(b) is still applicable.

Regards,



W. Earl Hall