



To: Rafael E. Andrade, Esq.

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

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RE: Legal Opinion Regarding Sec. 2-1059 (3)(b)(15) of the Coral Gables City Code
Cone of Silence

Date: August 8, 2016

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From: [Leen, Craig](#)
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From: Rafael E. Andrade, Esq. [mailto:ralph@randradelaw.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 07, 2016 8:29 PM
To: Leen, Craig
Subject: RFP 2016.02MP

Dear Mr. Leen:

I represent LAZ Florida Parking, LLC concerning the above referenced RFP.

Please confirm that pursuant to Sec. 2-1059 of the Coral Gables City Code, the cone of silence does not apply to oral or written communications between my client and its lobbyists and the Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Commissioners, City Attorney, City Manager, Assistant City Managers and Chief Procurement Officer.

Thank you.

Regards,

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