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**Subject:** RE: Ethics Complaint filed by Ed Dion Relating to Meeting with resident Maggie Gordo and Hans Ottinot During Mr. Ottinot's Tenure As City Attorney

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Dear Mr. Ottinot:

Thank you for your electronic mail message of October 11, 2019.

I am going to decline to address the substance of your email because, as you know, if the Commission on Ethics (COE) were investigating a matter, the same would be confidential and we would not comment on it. I have copied the other parties on your message so that it is clear that we are in no way confirming any of the facts contained in your note because of the limitations imposed on our agency regarding confidential matters.

I do want offer a one comment in response to your characterizations of conduct attributed to a COE Investigator and fellow member of the Florida Bar. No Investigator working for this agency would ever "attack" a witness or anyone else and also I would respectfully ask you not to use derogatory language to describe a fellow member of the Florida Bar in future public record email exchanges with this agency. You and I have been lawyers for a long time and we are both able to communicate our positions very effectively without denigrating fellow advocates.

If there ever comes a time when it would be necessary to speak to you about a matter that is being reviewed by the Commission on Ethics, we will certainly reach out to you directly when the appropriate time comes in our review.

I hope that you are well.

Best regards,

Jose

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