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Subject: 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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Jose:

I hope all is well. I received a surprising call yesterday from a former employee of the City Attorney Office advising me that one of your investigators is investigating me regarding a meeting that took place between Maggie Gordo and I during my tenure as the City Attorney for the City of Sunny Isles Beach. I was informed that the complaint was filed by current City Attorney Ed Dion. The information was provided by your investigator via a telephone call.

First of all, we know each other very well because we both served on ethic panels that served to educate local politicians in Miami-Dade County about state and county ethics laws. Hopefully, our service on these panels were beneficial to some elected officials. Based on our prior relationship, your investigator could have called me to find out the truth about the perfect meeting that I had with Maggie Gordo, who has dedicated her time to ensuring that City of Sunny Isles Beach is a government for the people, not for special interest.

As I indicated to you previously, you should require complaints to be filed with your office under oath under the penalty of perjury to root out frivolous and retaliatory complaints. I am available anytime to testify under oath to tell you the truth about the City of Sunny Isles Beach in order for your office to stop wasting tax payer funds on bogus complaints. I hope you require the person who filed the complaint against me to testify under oath also. Regarding Maggie Gordo, I know she is willing to speak with your investigator at anytime also.

I am well aware that this complaint is motivated by the fact that my client, RK Centers, has strongly opposed a development project called Infinity, which the City is still seeking to approve through sleek maneuvers even though it is illegal under the law. Due to my client's opposition to the Infinity project, my client and I have been attacked personally at public hearings from people who were instructed to attack us. Thus, I am not shocked by a complaint which is seeking to stop me from advocating for my client. Mr. Dion is paranoid and delusional. In fact, he has accused me of writing emails for my client even though I was out of the office and my client and

I have totally different writing styles. By the way, there is nothing wrong with attorneys writing letters and emails for clients. This is a common practice.

I find any attack on Ms. Gordo to be unwarranted and disturbing. Ms. Gordo should be applauded for her tireless advocacy. She is a straight shooter who is willing to criticize all, including me. She is against the Infinity project and overdevelopment on the west side of Collins Avenue. In fact, she met with me in early January of 2019 to voice her complaints about the Infinity project and related bridge to that project.

To this end, if your office is looking for the truth and real issues to investigate, please feel free to contact me. You can give the investigator my cell number. It is important to note that I have sought your guidance in writing throughout my dealings with the City of Sunny Isles Beach because I had anticipated a bogus complaint being filed against me for advocating on behalf of my client, RK Centers.

Regards,

Hans

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