


MIAMI BEACH

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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: **MAYOR PHILIP LEVINE
MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY MANAGER JIMMY MORALES**

FROM: **RAUL J. AGUILA** 
CITY ATTORNEY

DATE: **JUNE 7, 2017**

SUBJECT: **INCREASING STRINGENCY OF CITY OF MIAMI BEACH ETHICS LAWS BY AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VII "STANDARDS OF CONDUCT", DIVISION 5 ENTITLED "CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM," BY ADDING THERETO SECTION 2-491 ENTITLED "PROHIBITED LOBBYING BY CAMPAIGN CONSULTANTS," PROHIBITING CAMPAIGN CONSULTANTS AND CERTAIN AFFILIATED PERSONS OR ENTITIES FROM LOBBYING CITY COMMISSION FOR 12 MONTHS SUBSEQUENT TO SWEARING IN OF SUBJECT ELECTED OFFICIAL(S), ESTABLISHING DEFINITIONS, AND LIMITED EXEMPTION; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

On July 13, 2016, the City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 2016-4024, which amended the City's Lobbyists laws to require lobbyists who, within the past election cycle, provided an incumbent member of the City Commission, with campaign consulting services to: 1) **disclose** such particular services on his/their lobbyist registration form; and 2), **orally disclose** the specified campaign consulting services before lobbying the City Commission at a public hearing.

Pursuant to the request of Commissioner Joy Malakoff, the attached Ordinance has been drafted for the purpose of amending the City's Campaign Finance laws, so as to include therein a City law **prohibiting** campaign consultants from lobbying the City Commission for a stated period of time.

This amendment to the City's ethics laws serves to augment the City's intent of good government, and will once more place the City of Miami Beach at the forefront of local ethics legislation. The attached Ordinance is thus ready for City Commission review and deliberation.