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**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO: Mayor Jean Robb**  
**FROM: Andrew S. Maurodis**   
**DATE: May 24, 2016**  
**RE: Advisory Option/Broward County Ethics Code**

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Dear Mayor Robb:

You have asked for guidance on the following question as relates to the Broward County Ethics Code:

Am I required to disclose a contact with the owner of a private school facility to encourage the school to lease an athletic field to a not for profit organization that operates a youth football team.

I have reviewed your request as set forth above. The Broward County Ethics Code Subsection (5) relating to "Solicitations and receipt of Contributions" requires that "the solicitation of funds by an elected official for a non-profit charitable organization...." be disclosed on a form provided by the County Attorney's office. Based upon the above recitation of facts, it does not appear that you were soliciting any funds from the private school, but instead, were encouraging the school to lease a portion of the school property to a not for profit entity which operates a youth football team. Given the fact that there were no funds solicited and the fact that the transaction in question was a lease, it is my opinion that, pursuant to the Broward County Ethics Code, you are not required to file a disclosure form. I will note for the record that you did attempt to fill out a form with the city clerk but it was the city clerk who properly raised the issue of the necessity for filing out the form based upon the reasons set forth above.

cc: City Clerk