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Milton Mayor's Office
Attention: Mayor Heather Lindsay
6738 Dixon Street
Milton, FL 32570

Dear Mayor Lindsay:

On May 16, 2019, you self-reported a possible Sunshine Law violation to the Office of the State Attorney. We have completed our review of the fact and circumstance of this report and have determined that no violation of the law has been committed. For that reason, we will take no further action regarding this matter.

This matter is the result of a memorandum you sent on May 10, 2019, to members of the Milton City Council regarding the renaming of the Community Center. As mayor, you are a voting member of the council in the event of a tie vote and therefore subject to the requirements of the Sunshine Law. It should also be noted that the memorandum is the only concern and there absolutely is no evidence or indication that you ever had any improper conversation with a member of the City Council.

Further, there is no evidence that any member of the council responded back to you concerning the issues raised in the memorandum. The memorandum was maintained as a public record and the renaming of the Community Center was addressed at a public meeting.

The law is clear that a council member or commissioner may send a written report to other members on a subject that will be discussed at a public meeting without violating the Sunshine Law, if, prior to the meeting, there is no interaction related to the report among the members, the report is maintained as a public record, and the report is not being used as a substitute for action at a public meeting. This is the identical circumstance raised in your self-report.

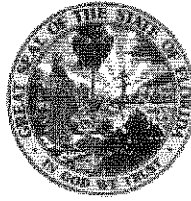
For these reasons, we have determined that no violation has occurred and no further action will be taken.

Sincerely,


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PRESS RELEASE

The Office of the State Attorney announced today that it has completed its review regarding possible Sunshine Law Violations by Milton Mayor Heather Lindsay. Based on this review we have determined that no violation was committed and therefore this office will take no further actions in this matter. These findings are more further set forth in the letter attached to this press release.

For further information, please contact State Attorney Greg Marcille at (850) 595-4761.