



To: Edward Hudak

From: Miriam S. Ramos, Deputy City Attorney for the City of Coral Gables

Approved: Craig E. Leen, City Attorney for the City of Coral Gables 

RE: Legal Opinion Regarding Police Athletic League (PAL)

Date: July 27, 2015

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This opinion is issued pursuant to Sec. 2-201(e)(1) and (8) of the City Code giving the City Attorney's Office the authority to issue opinions and interpretations on behalf of the City.

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Sincerely,

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