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Re: Your Request for Advice,
Our Advice No. A-84-214

Dear Ms. Post:

This is to confirm our conversation of last Friday and to pose some follow-up questions. First, you have confirmed that Councilmember Brown's hotel business, located at 8400 Sunset Boulevard in West Hollywood, is named the Sunset Plaza Hotel. My information reflects that it is a Best Western hotel which is also listed by AAA as a 3-Diamond establishment.

Second, you have inquired of Councilmember Brown with respect to Equity Hotel Supply, a partnership listed on Schedule A of his 1983 Statement of Economic Interests. You advised me that he told you that the partnership, which was set up as a co-op, has been dissolved. While in existence, it only served the Sunset Plaza Hotel and other hotels owned by members of the partnership owning Sunset Plaza Hotel.

I have the following series of questions, which are based upon the Commission's rulings in the Oglesby Opinion and the Nord Opinion (copies enclosed). The questions derive from my review of Councilmember Brown's Statement and our conversations.

1. What is the name of the business entity (partnership) which operates Sunset Plaza Hotel and in which Councilmember Brown is a general partner (5%) and a limited partner (7-1/2%)? Is it Forman & Brown Development Company? That business entity appears to be a corporation instead of a partnership. Is he a 10% or greater owner in either Equity Hotel Supply or Forman & Brown Development Company?

2. What is the use on the property located at 281 South Robertson Blvd., Beverly Hills? Is he a 10% or greater owner of this property? Is the property rented out, and if so, to whom? If not rented out, to what use is he putting it?


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3. The same series of questions apply to the 8320 Melrose Avenue property and to the 1639 South LaCienega Boulevard property.

4. How many general partners are there in the Sunset Plaza Hotel business entity? Is any one of them a 50% or more general partner or a controlling general partner?

Depending on the answers to the foregoing questions, I may or may not need additional information. Your prompt responses will facilitate my analysis of Councilmember Brown's circumstances.

Sincerely,


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