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Dear Mr. Hearn.

I am writing you and copying Commissioner Vignola concerning a conversation that I had with him yesterday and where he stated something where I believe to be a violation of the privacy act . My concern at this point is to only clear this up.

In a conversation I had with Larry Vignola yesterday concerning a discussion I had with him outside of the city hall west wing a few months ago. He had suggested that our conversation was not only taped on the city security camera , but that he had heard and viewed it directly. Based on this he claimed that I was misinformed and reported the conversation wrongly.

Whether or not my recollection of the conversation was in error is not my issue: However , my expectation of privacy is .

The ability of the city to tape conversations held outside of the city building ( or inside for that matter) and the ability for any city commissioner, or any other employee of the city or anyone else, being able to listen to any taped conversation without court order is the main issue.

Perhaps Mr. Vignola misspoke about actually seeing and hearing the tape and the words he used were said in the heat of the moment since he was obviously upset with me.

However I want to know for certain that in no way shape or form does the city tape conversations without any parties permission, except for use in case of a security breach or known threat, that there is no monitoring of these conversations outside or inside the building by anyone, and that city commissioners do not have access to any such tape.

If in fact Mr. Vignola was correct, and that he had heard the conversation that was taped, I would like to know by what authority this was done, and time dates and people involved. I would also like a copy of this tape to verify Mr. Vignola's statement to me so that I can verify my recollection of our conversation.

Your opinion concerning privacy and the expectations that any citizen can have in and around the city hall or at any city event would be appreciated. As well, any policy in this regard that has already been established should be reviewed by all including the citizens.

Again, this may only be something said in the heat of the moment, but just in case it is true, I want to be certain.

Best regards

Howard Melamed