

SEMINAR MATERIALS FROM ANTHONY R. SUAREZ, ESQ.

ADVICE FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS WHEN MEETING WITH DEVELOPERS

- I. HOBBS ACT EXTORTION.
- II. PLACES TO MEET.
- III. ASK YOURSELF, “WHY DOES THIS PERSON WANT TO MEET ME?”
- IV. ASK YOURSELF, “WHY DID THE PERSON I KNOW INTRODUCE ME TO THIS PERSON WHO WANTS TO MEET ME?”
- V. PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT IS BEING SAID, AND DON’T LEAVE THE MEETING UNTIL THE END.
- VI. WHAT YOU SHOULD/SHOULD’NT SAY.
- VII. CREATE A PAPER TRAIL.
- VIII. YOU CANNOT BE POLITE IN ANY SITUATION THAT YOU EVEN SUSPECT MAY BE IMPROPER.
- IX. IF MONEY IS EVER MENTIONED/DISCUSSED, LEAVE THE MEETING.
- X. SPEAK WITH SOMEONE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT YOU TRUST.
- XI. SEEK OUT AN ATTORNEY WHO SPECIALIZES IN WHITE COLLAR CRIMINAL MATTERS