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April 20, 2011

Ms. Denise R. Kalke
Freedom of Information Officer
Village of Lombard
255 E. Wilson Ave.
Lombard, IL 60148

Re: Pre-Authorization Request – 2011 PAC 13143
FOIA Requester: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Kalke:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Village of Lombard of its intention to deny disclosure of certain information as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA. 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, as amended.

On March 17, 2011, [REDACTED] submitted a FOIA request to the Village seeking the entire file on the Liberty Square Condo Association.

In its written notice, the Village asserted that the requested records contained internal email correspondence between Village officers and employees in which opinions were expressed or policies formulated. The documents were withheld under the Section 7(1)(f) exemption.

On March 31, 2011, our office determined that further inquiry was necessary and asked the Village to provide a representative sample and a detailed description of the withheld documents. On April 6, 2011, the Village provided our office with copies of the documents it seeks to withhold under Section 7(1)(f).

Determination

Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA exempts from inspection and copying “[p]reliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body.”

The Village’s use of the Section 7(1)(f) exemption for the withheld information is **approved**. After review of the withheld documents, our office agrees that the records contain opinions and are ones in which actions are formulated. Further, The Village has indicated that these records have not been cited by

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