

# BALLARD | PARTNERS

January 31, 2022

Patricia A. Cerny, MMC  
City Clerk  
Office of the City Clerk  
P.O. Box 229045  
Hollywood, FL 33022-9045

Dear Clerk Cerny:

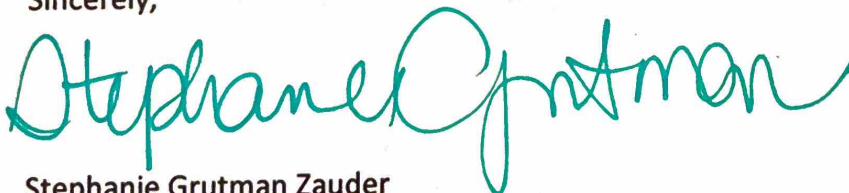
I am writing today to request an appeal of the fines and prohibitions associated with not submitting my 2021 Lobbyist Annual Statement. I truly apologize for the oversight. Due to covid our office notary was out of the office for many weeks. In August of 2021 I filled out the forms and waited for our notary to return so I could submit them to the city by the August 31, 2021 deadline.

On August 24 2021 my uncle Charles Grutman passed away unexpectedly and my family traveled to Fort Myers to be with my aunt and cousin. In the process I was distracted and failed to submit the form.

Attached is the signed and notarized form. I had no compensation or expenses in 2021 or prior years. I appreciate the opportunity to request an appeal so I can continue to represent clients before the city.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Grutman Zauder  
Managing Partner, Fort Lauderdale.

## TALLAHASSEE

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Tallahassee, FL 32301  
850.577.0444 FAX 850.577.0022

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904.312.9872

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401 E. Las Olas Boulevard, Suite 1400  
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954.302.5989

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561.253.3232

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1726 East 7th Avenue, Suites 13-15  
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Tel Aviv, 6688218



# CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

## Office of the City Clerk

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Patricia A. Cerny  
City Clerk

January 13, 2022

Stephanie Grutman Zauder  
Ballard Partners  
401 E Las Olas Blvd #1400  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Dear Ms. Zauder:

On November 11, 2022 this office received your new lobbyist registration statement for Ballard Partners. However our files indicate that your lobbyist registration was cancelled on October 4, 2021 due to non submittal of your Lobbyist Annual Statement.

As stated in our October 4, 2021 letter, your Lobbyist Annual Statement, originally due before August 31, 2021, needed to be submitted to our office by September 29, 2021 in order to avoid cancellation, however, it still would be considered untimely filed and fines would be assessed.

Since your report was never received by this office, a fine of \$50.00 per day has been assessed for a total fine amount of \$5,000.00. You are prohibited from engaging in lobbying activities until your fine has been paid.

Enclosed with this notice is a copy of Section 30.15 of the Code of Ordinances for your review.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Cerny, MMC  
City Clerk

**Our Mission:** We are dedicated to providing municipal services for our diverse community in an atmosphere of cooperation, courtesy and respect.

We do this by ensuring all who live, work and play in the City of Hollywood enjoy a high quality of life.

**"An Equal Opportunity and Service Provider Agency"**

# **LOBBYIST ANNUAL STATEMENT**

City of Hollywood, Florida  
August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021

## **ANNUAL LOBBYIST STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES AND CONTINGENCY FEE**

City of Hollywood, City Code Section 30.15

Lobbyist Name: Zauder, Stephanie Grytman  
(Please print) (Last) (First) (M.I.)

Company Name: Ballard Partners

Telephone Number: 954-817-8007

Company Address: 401 East Las Olas, Su 1400  
Ft Lauderdale, FL 33301

For the 12 month Period beginning August 1, 2020 ending July 31, 2021.

This form shall be filed by 5:00 PM, or postmarked by midnight, **August 31, 2021**. Forms not timely filed or postmarked will be subject to a fine of \$50.00 for each late day.

Lobbying expenditures shall not include personal expenses for lodging, meals and travel.

Statement shall be filed even if there have been no expenditures during a reporting period. (NOTE: Use additional pages if necessary.)

### **EXPENDITURES**

Purpose of Expenditure	Source of Funds	Amount
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**CONTINGENCY FEE**

Purpose of Contingency Fee

Source of Contingency Fee

Amount

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I do solemnly swear or affirm that all the foregoing facts are true and correct and that I have read the City of Hollywood Code Section 30.15. and that I am aware of the requirement for filing and submission of other statements.

[Signature]  
Signature

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF BROWARD

On this the 2 day of FEBRUARY, 2022, before me, the undersigned Notary Public of the State of Florida, personally appeared STEPHANIE GRUTMAN ZAUDER (Name of individual who appeared before notary) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, he/she/they acknowledge that he/she/they executed it.

My commission expires: 12/19/2022

[Signature]  
Notary Public, State of Florida



\_\_\_\_ Personally known to me, or  
☒ Produced identification Florida Driver's License  
(Type of I.D. produced)  
☒ DID take an oath, or \_\_\_\_ DID NOT take an oath.

Return completed form to: Office of the City Clerk, P.O. Box 229045, Hollywood, FL 33022

## Charles Joel Grutman



### Obituary

Charles Joel Grutman

Charles Joel Grutman died unexpectedly on August 24, 2021. He was 78. He was born on June 21, 1943 in New York City, N.Y. He was raised in the Bronx by his parents Samuel and Sylvia Grutman. After his formal education, he went to Long Island University, Brooklyn, N.Y. where he earned a B.S. Degree in Business and Finance and Accounting and Economics (his Minor), graduating in 1965. He then managed his family's real estate holdings, which consisted of apartment buildings in Manhattan and the Bronx N.Y., all while attending Adelphi University where he earned his M.B.A. in Business Administration in 1967. Charles received a National Teaching Fellowship and was a Professor at Texas Lutheran College, Sequin, Texas. He was a Professor at several other Universities including his Alma Mater, Long Island University. He moved to Ft. Myers, FL. in 1971 to continue teaching business and finance at Edison State College. He then became a resident of Naples, FL. where he resided for ten years, it was during this time

President and head of residential lending for Suntrust Bank of SW Fl. He retired from Suntrust Bank after 20+ years. Three weeks later he became Senior Vice President of Residential Lending at Bank of Florida for Lee and Collier Counties, FL. After 4 years he retired a second time, only to start consulting in mortgage lending for several law firms. To say he loved his work is an understatement. When he finally did retire he still kept up with local businesses and the stock market. He is survived by his loving wife Lillian, his son David (Isabela) Grutman of Miami FL., his stepson Andrew (Martina) Goodnight, of Rhinebeck, N.Y., his stepdaughter Renee (Ted) Cassidy of Ft. Myers FL., and eight wonderful grandchildren who will greatly miss their beloved Opapa. Charles is also survived by his twin sister Marilyn Katay of Chicago, Ill. Charles was preceded in death by his parents and brother Burt Grutman. Charles was a man of integrity, honesty, and high moral standards. He was a prince among men. He is and will be greatly missed.

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