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**Subject:** INQ 17-03 Daniel Dietch, Mayor, Town of Surfside (Voting Conflict)

Mayor Daniel Dietch, Town of Surfside, inquired regarding whether he had a voting conflict of interest pursuant to Section 2-11.1(d) of the County Ethics Code in connection with an upcoming resolution before the Town Commission, of which the Mayor is a voting member. Mayor Dietch informed that the item in question involves a resolution by the Town Commission urging legislative support for expansion of the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Program, as part of the Comprehensive Everglades Master Plan, which is a major governmental program affecting a large area of South Florida that includes Biscayne Bay. It is a joint project between the Army Corps of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District. Mayor Dietch is a management employee in the solid waste division of CH2MHill, a company with significant contracts in the project. Mayor Dietch explained that the company is employee-owned, and that he owns stock in the company and receives stock options based on the performance of the company. Mayor Dietch also said that he had recused himself in the past from voting on measures similarly affecting his employer.

I agreed with Mayor Dietch that his ownership interest in a company with significant contracts in the project, together with the fact that he receives stock options from the company's performance, even though the resolution does not have a direct impact on the company, raises a reasonable possibility that he will benefit from the continuance of the program and expansion of the program, such that he might, directly or indirectly profit or be enhanced by the action to be taken by Surfside Commission, and that he should recuse himself from the vote under Section 2-11.1(d) of the Ethics Code.

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