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Prkic, Christina (COE)

From: Hincapie, Nelson (DIST7)
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2005 8:48 AM
To: Prkic, Christina (COE)
Subject: RE: Your ethics inquiry

Hi Christina
Thanks for clearing things up for me.
Regards,
Nelson

Nelson F. Hincapie
Office of Commissioner Carlos Gimenez
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-----Original Message-----

From: Prkic, Christina (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2005 5:11 PM
To: Hincapie, Nelson (DIST7)
Subject: Your ethics inquiry

Hi Nelson:

Hope you're well.

This email is a follow up to our phone conversation earlier in the week. You requested an opinion regarding any conflicts of interest resulting from your position as an aide to County Commissioner Gimenez and your service as a volunteer board member with the Miami Symphony.

As we discussed, you are not prohibited from continuing to serve on the board of the Symphony; however, you are subject to certain restrictions under the Code of Ethics. Section 2-11.1 (m) prohibits you from appearing or making presentations before any County board or agency on behalf of the Symphony. Therefore, you may not meet with County officials or appear before the County Commission on items where the Symphony is seeking any kind of benefit.

In addition, you may not use your official position to obtain benefits or privileges for the Symphony. This means, for instance, that you may not use your official letterhead or other County resources to fundraise or to perform any other activity for the Symphony.

Finally, you are permitted to accept tickets to the Symphony. The tickets are given to you in exchange for your service on the board, they are not prohibited gifts under the Code; moreover, you are not required to disclose the tickets as gifts on the County's quarterly disclosure form.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any additional questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely Yours,

Christina Prkic
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