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**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
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I spoke to Bob Cuevas on March 14, 2006 about a question County Commissioner Barbara Jordan asked about the grand opening of her new district office. The Commissioner wanted to know whether she could solicit for this purpose (to help underwrite the expenses associated with the grand opening). I advised Bob Cuevas that this type of solicitation falls within the exception to the no solicitation ban. The exception that would apply is the one which enables a county commissioner to solicit on behalf of the County in her official capacity for use solely by the County in conducting its official business. The argument is it is in the best interest of the County for commissioners to have district offices and having Commissioner Jordan publicize her new district office enables the public to have greater access to her, and by extension, have greater access to County services. However, the appeal for funds for the grand opening should be general and those with business interests in the County should not be targeted.

Robert Meyers

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