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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)

Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2006 12:25 PM

To: Acosta, Maria (Elections)

Subject: Campaign Financing Trust Fund Question

Dear Maria,

On Friday, April 28th you inquired about whether a candidate for a County Commission seat who desires to receive contributions from the Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund is bound by the expenditure limitations if the candidate does not meet the eligibility requirements for such contributions. After speaking with Ardyth Walker and Gerald Sanchez, we agree that the expenditure limits would not apply to a candidate who expresses an interest in receiving these funds but does not qualify for them. If, however, a candidate would actually qualify for the funds but decides not to submit the list of eligible contributions to the Elections Department -- after initially filing a request for this funding -- such candidate would be bound by the cap.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust