

**Meyers, Robert (COE)**

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**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 12, 2004 3:25 PM  
**To:** Martinez, Joe A. (DIST11)  
**Subject:** Your request for opinion

Commissioner Martinez,

I had the opportunity to review the documents that Charlie Martinez sent us today regarding the lot you purchased from Caribe Homes and the lots purchased by others during the same timeframe in the same development, and I find you paid at least fair market value for the lot in question. Accordingly, your behavior was consistent with the provisions of the County's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance.

If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Robert Meyers

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**From:** Martinez, Joe A.(Office of the Chair)  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2005 12:54 PM  
**To:** Meyers, Robert (COE); Greenberg, Murray A. (CAO); Mazzella, Christopher (OIG)  
**Subject:** Residence

Good Afternoon:

Dr. Meyers pursuant to our prior communications, I am submitting a list of individuals and organizations that I intend to use as I build my home. Being that my close friend of over 15 years, Mr. Jorge Guerra is a contractor, I chose not to seek bids for a general contractor to oversee the construction. I know him and trust him that my home will be built properly.

The following is a list of contractors that I chose due to familial or long time friendships which I know will provide me with quality work at reasonable rates.

1. Charlie Duranona is my First Cousin who will be installing all the phone, cable, alarm and internet access cables.
2. Ricky Suarez is a long time friend who owns Ready Windows and I have hired him to install all windows and shutters as they are required by code.
3. Waterproofing Systems is a family owned business. My daughter's godmother is the niece of the owner and I have also requested a quote from them.
4. The Leader Metal Work's owner, Leonardo Rubio, is my next door neighbor and he offered to construct all balconies and railings which my home requires. To be truthful, he was not the cheapest but he is my neighbor so I am going with him.
5. Miami Pools is a long time friend of someone who I have known for over 20 years and he recommended him to me. I have also contracted with him at this time.

Those are just the ones that I personally know and have requested Mr. Guerra to use. That does not mean that if he feels someone else can provide better service or price, he will not change the contractors. All of their information is on file at Mr. Guerra's office and I welcome you, Mr. Mazzella and Mr. Greenberg to visit, call or contact him to ensure that any of those contractors or any other ones he is using do not have business with the county nor that they will provide any special consideration due to my official position. As you checked with Mr. Charlie Martinez prior to my purchasing the lot, I want to ensure that my actions are done in a prudent manner and above board.

My concern is that some suppliers Mr. Guerra might chose might directly or indirectly do business with the County. He has told me repeatedly that the ones he has chosen to date do not have that conflict; however, I urge you to follow up with him. This I am doing to ensure trust in government and to protect my reputation. If any of you find any conflicts or possibility of ones, please contact Mr. Guerra directly and/ or me so we can either resolve the issue or change vendors or contractors whichever the case may be.

I currently have an open permit and am moving forward with the construction of my home. As it progresses, Mr. Guerra has been requested to either contact you directly or forward to me any new contractors so you may review their qualifications and possible conflicts in an effort to avoid any violations or perceived violations.

Mr. Jorge Guerra can be contacted at (305) 667-4555 or visit him at 4444 S.W. 71 Avenue Suite 107 Miami, Florida 33155. If you chose to visit him, please call him to ensure he is at the office as he is usually out in the field. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joe A. Martinez

1/30/2006