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To: Keon, Patricia A. (DIST7)
Subject: RE: Ethics issue

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Pat,

You state the Commissioner Morales wants to hold a televised town hall meeting on the general obligation bond (GOB) and this matter will be presented to the voters on the same November ballot as the run off election for mayor. I understand that Commissioner Morales is a candidate for mayor and if he makes the run off, then his name will appear on the November ballot along with the GOB question.

As a sitting County Commissioner, he certainly has the right to hold town hall meetings that he believes are important to his constituents and the community-at-large. Discussions of the GOB certainly seem to fit into this category. As long as the town hall meeting is not treated as a campaign event and Commissioner Morales does not reference his candidacy for mayor, there is nothing in the County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance that prohibits the Commissioner from holding a television town hall meeting on the GOB.

Please feel free to contact me with any other questions.

Thanks,

Robert

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From: Keon, Patricia A. (DIST7)
Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2004 7:24 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Cc: Monserrat, Marcia (DIST7)
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As a follow up to our conversation earlier today can you provide an opinion in writing on my question to you if there is an ethics issue with Commissioner Morales holding a televised town hall meeting on the GOB (general obligation bond) since this item will appear on the ballot in November at the same time as the run off election for the mayor because he is a candidate for mayor.

Thank you.

Pat Keon, Policy Aide

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