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Mr. Robert Myers
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Miami-Dade County Commission on
Ethics and Public Trust
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VIA FACSIMILE: (305) 579-2656

RE: Appointment to Asian American Advisory Board
The Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance

Dear Mr. Myers:

I was appointed to the Asian American Advisory Board, by Commissioner Joe Martinez, during the Board of County Commissioners meeting on November 30, 2000. The Asian American Advisory Board was established on July 22, 1997 and its mission is to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners, the County Administration, the community, and all agencies and persons in Miami-Dade County, Florida, *"with respect to matters pertaining to the Asian community of Miami-Dade County"*.

Subsequent to my appointment, I received a copy of "The Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance". Upon review of the ordinance, I realized that I may be required to file a notice of disclosure of any employment with a firm doing business with Miami-Dade County since my appointment could be defined in accordance with Section 2-11.1 (b)(4). As such, and in accordance with Section 2-11.1 (f), please note the following information:

1. I am an employee of Lea+Elliott, Inc., a Consulting Engineering firm that conducts business with Miami-Dade County through the provision of Professional Engineering services. My employment with Lea+Elliott began in July 1998.
2. The company has an Employee Stock Ownership Program (ESOP) in place. As an employee member of the ESOP, I own some stock in the company; my stock ownership is less than 0.15% of the company stock. Out of this, my vested interest is less than 0.03% of the company stock. I do not have any

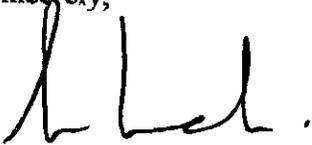
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"controlling financial interest" in the company, as defined in Section 2-11.1(b)(8).

Review of the complete Ordinance appears to indicate that I do not have a conflict of interest in serving on the Asian American Advisory Board. However, I request that you review the information that I have provided above and provide your Conflict of Interest opinion in my case. If there is further action required on my part, to comply with the requirements of the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance, I would appreciate if you could advise me appropriately.

Should you require any additional information to help you in making your determination, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Sanjeev N. Shah, PE

cc: Commissioner Joe Martinez
Laura Morilla: AAAB
Ken Guldstrand Office of Clerk of the Board