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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

The Commission on Ethics and Public Trust considered your request for an advisory opinion at its meeting on April 22, 1999 and rendered its decision based on the facts stated in your letter.

You requested an opinion as to whether the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance precludes you from serving on the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization Community Involvement Roundtable.

In your letter, you advised the commission that Broward County Commissioner Kristin Jacobs wants to appoint you to serve on the Community Involvement Roundtable (CIR). The roundtable reviews transportation plans and projects, determines the effect of transportation policies on various segments of the community and promotes community involvement in the transportation planning process.

In your position with Miami-Dade County, you are responsible for directing and managing transportation planning studies conducted by consultants, supervising development of the Transportation Improvement Program and

preparing documents for review by various state and federal agencies.

The commission found that the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance does not prohibit you from serving on the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization Community Involvement Roundtable. An employee may participate in civic work as long as the outside involvement does not violate 2-11.1(g) (Exploitation of official position) and 2-11.1(h) (Prohibition on use of confidential information). Since your work on the Community Involvement Roundtable will not require you to use confidential information acquired through your county employment or exploit your official position, your service is not barred by the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance.

Therefore, the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance does not prohibit you from serving on the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization Community Involvement Roundtable.

If you have any questions regarding the opinion, please call Robert Meyers, Executive Director at (305) 579-2954 or Ardyth Walker at (305) 579-2653.

Sincerely Yours,

ROBERT MEYERS  
Executive Director