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November 22, 1999

The Honorable Barbara Carey-Schuler
Board Of County Commissioners
District Three
111 N.W. First Street
Suite 220
Miami, Florida 33128

RE: REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION 99-52

Dear Ms. Carey-Schuler:

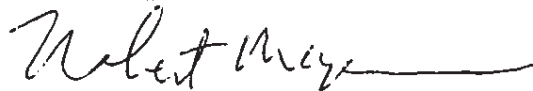
The Commission on Ethics and Public Trust considered your request for an advisory opinion at its meeting on November 18, 1999 and rendered its opinion based on the facts stated in your memorandum.

You requested an opinion regarding any possible conflicts of interest in your participation in discussion and voting on BellSouth's bid to provide pay phone services.

In your memorandum, you advised the Commission that in January, the County Commission voted to extend existing contracts with BellSouth and AT&T for a period of one year. A minority partner in the BellSouth proposal is related to a member of your staff. The principal partner of the minority firm also has a relationship with your aide's sister.

The Commission found that The Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance does not prohibit you from participating in discussion regarding the BellSouth pay phone contract. Section 2-11.1(d) of the Code of

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Meyers". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

ROBERT MEYERS
Executive Director