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**RE: REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION 00-29**

Dear Ms. Redmon:

The Commission on Ethics and Public Trust considered your request for an advisory opinion at its meeting on April 12, 2000 and rendered its opinion based on the facts stated in your memorandum.

You requested an opinion regarding any limitations on your service on the Community Relations Board.

In your letter, you advised the Commission that recently joined the County Manager's Senior Management Team as a Junior Assistant to Paul Phillip. You were recently appointed to the Community Relations Board. You were also designated chairperson for the Intergovernmental Relations Committee for the Community Relations Board.

The Commission found The Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance does not prohibit you from serving on the Community Relations Board and assisting with intergovernmental issues. Pursuant to Section 2-204 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, the Community Relations Board is an advisory board whose function is to foster communication, interaction and understanding

among the diverse racial, ethnic and religious groups in the community. The enabling ordinance does not restrict county employees from serving as members of the board. Since the Community Relations Board is a county organization, the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance does not restrict your activities in service to the board.

This opinion only construes the Miami-Dade Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance. Therefore, you should contact the State of Florida Commission on Ethics regarding any possible conflicts under state law.

If you have any questions regarding this opinion, please call the undersigned at (305) 579-2594 or Ardyth Walker, Staff General Counsel at (305) 579-2653.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Meyers", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ROBERT MEYERS  
Executive Director