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Walter Hopwood
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RE: REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION 00-65

Dear Mr. Hopwood:

The Commission on Ethics and Public Trust considered your request for an advisory opinion at its meeting on May 4, 2000 and rendered its opinion based on the facts stated in your letter.

You requested an opinion regarding your ability to contract with the county to provide Section 8 housing.

In your letter, you advised the Commission that you are a Police Sergeant with the Miami-Dade Police Department. You would like to contract with the Miami-Dade Housing Agency to provide Section 8 housing. Section 8 is a federally-funded program which subsidizes landlords who rent to low-income tenants.

The Commission found that the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance does not apply to Miami-Dade County School Board employees. Therefore, the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance does not prohibit you from contracting with Miami-Dade County.

This opinion construes the Miami-Dade Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance only and is not applicable to any conflict under state law. Please contact the State of Florida Commission on Ethics if you

have any questions regarding 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 cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Meyers", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ROBERT MEYERS
Executive Director