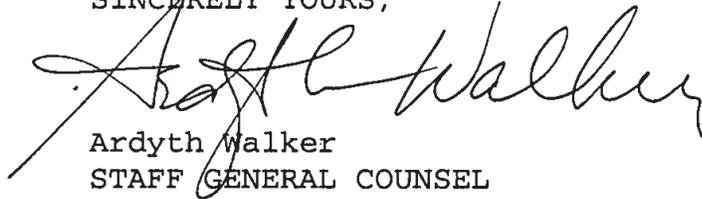


job responsibilities with the Miami-Dade Police Department will not require her involvement in any aspects of the contract, she may contract to provide Section 8 housing.

This informal opinion is being rendered due to the emergency nature of the request. The Ethics Commission has not considered this matter.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at (305) 350-0616.

SINCERELY YOURS,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ardyth Walker". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Ardyth Walker
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August 22, 2001

Maria Paredes
Miami-Dade Housing Agency
2153 Coral Way
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Dear Ms. Paredes:

The Commission on Ethics and Public Trust received a request for opinion from Miriam Suarez. Suarez, a secretary in the Miami-Dade Police Department would like to contract to provide Section 8 housing. The Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance permits Suarez to contract with your office to provide Section 8 housing.

Section 2-11.1 (c) provides that " Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary herein, subsection (c) and (d) shall not be construed to prevent any employee...from entering into any contract, individually or through a firm, corporation, partnership or business entity in which the employee or any member of his or her immediate family has a controlling financial interest, with Miami-Dade County or any person or agency acting for Miami-Dade County as long as 1) entering into the contract would not interfere with the full and faithful discharge by the employee of his or her duties to the County, 2) the employee has not participated in determining the subject contract awards or awarding the contract , and 3) the employee's job responsibilities and job description will not require him or her to be involved with the contract in any way, including but not limited to its enforcement, oversight, administration, amendment, extension, termination or forbearance. Since Suarez'