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Hi Sandy,

We spoke last week about a possible conflict of interest involving your service on the Miami-Dade Living Wage Commission and your occupation as an insurance broker. As I understand the facts, you sit on the Living Wage Commission, which enforces the Living Wage Ordinance, and a company seeking to do business with the County may be interested in purchasing insurance from you. There are two issues to address: 1) Whether you are transacting business with the County if this company becomes a County vendor and subsequently buys insurance from you and 2) Is a voting conflict created if this vendor has an item that comes becomes the Living Wage Commission?

Regarding #1, because you are not doing business directly with the County, no conflict of interest exists under the Code Section that covers transacting business with the County. Regarding #2, a conflict would be created if you in your capacity as of a member of the Living Wage Commission votes on any matters pertaining to this firm if the firm purchased insurance from you or the firm which employs you. If no such relationship is established, then no conflict would exist.

If you have any additional questions or wish to discuss the above in greater detail, please contact me at your convenience.

Thanks,

Robert

From: Santiago Leon [mailto:sleon@answerrisk.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2006 3:40 PM
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Subject: Civic Action Bulletin: Martin Luther King day, Jack Gordon remembered

Events:

Monday, January 16, 2006: Dr. Martin Luther King Day Interfaith Prayer Service and March.

10:00 am at Miami Beach Community Church, 1620 Drexel Ave. at Lincoln Road. Free parking at the Municipal Parking lot on 17th St and Drexel Ave. across the street from City Hall. Tickets will be validated at the church.

Most Rev. Felipe de Jesús Estévez, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Miami; Rev. Dr. R. Joaquin Willis, Church of the Open Door; Rabbi Rebecca Lillian, Temple Beth Or. Join us for an unprecedented, multicultural, musical, and inspirational gathering to celebrate Dr. King's legacy of unity and justice. In the spirit of Dr. King, who advocated for civil rights and workers' rights, we will prayerfully support condo workers employed by the Continental Group and other companies as they seek fair wages, health care for their families, dignity on the job and freedom to join a union without threats or punishment. At the close of the hour-long prayer service, we will march to show our support for condo workers in a nearby building. For additional information: South Florida Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice, 786-280-6902