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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2007 1:43 PM
To: Townsley, Penelope (Elections)
Subject: RE: TWU Local Union Elections

Penny,

Based on the information you have provided me, I conclude that your spouse may interact with the Elections Department in his role as incoming chairman of the Election Committee for his union due to the fact you will have no involvement with this particular matter. If a question arises during the course of this election or post-election that you would ordinarily handle, I recommend that you or the Supervisor of Elections assign someone else to resolve the problem.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
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From: Townsley, Penelope (Elections)
Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2007 12:32 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: Re: TWU Local Union Elections

I will not be involved.

Milton coordinates everything.

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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
To: Townsley, Penelope (Elections)
Sent: Wed Mar 28 12:29:06 2007
Subject: RE: TWU Local Union Elections

Penny,

One more question for you. Would you personally be involved with this election or can that responsibility be delegated to someone else?

Thanks,

Robert

From: Townsley, Penelope (Elections)
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2007 4:23 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: RE: TWU Local Union Elections

Robert:

He is not running for office. He is actually working with the former (retired) chairman to transition into the chairmanship. His responsibilities are to work with the Election Committee to arrange for the conduct of election with the Elections Department (he did not do this for the upcoming election - it was done by the prior chairman); and oversee the process; distribute election related materials to transit facilities; coordinate candidate qualifying; and certifies (with Election Committee members) that the election is carried out properly.

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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2007 3:41 PM
To: Townsley, Penelope (Elections)
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Penny,

Thank you for your e-mail. Before I can respond to your question, I need to know exactly what being the chairperson of the Election Committee means. Is he running for office himself? Is he responsible for certifying to his union that the election was carried out properly? Once I get a clearer picture on his role with the union, I should be able to give you an opinion.

Thanks,

Robert

From: Townsley, Penelope (Elections)
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2007 7:27 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: TWU Local Union Elections

Robert:

Miami-Dade County Elections Department has conducted non-governmental elections for several years. Among these type elections are elections for TWU and ASFME local unions. These elections are coordinated by the Community Outreach Division under the Deputy Supervisor of Elections Milton Collins.

My husband, Jeffrey Townsley, a MDT bus operator was recently appointed Chairperson of the TWU local union's Election Committee.

Please advise if, as the Chief Deputy Supervisor of Elections responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Elections Department, administering the TWU local union election presents a conflict of interest in my professional capacity.

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