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INQ 07-151

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2007 4:01 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: Inquiry

I received a phone call from Mitch Bierman, City Attorney, Cutler Bay, about whether the Vice-Mayor has a voting conflict if he votes to authorizing funding to a business group on which he serves on the board. The Vice Mayor does not financially benefit from this grant, as he is not paid for his board service. He participated in the discussions at the first budget hearing, but Mr. Bierman wants to know whether the Vice Mayor should participate in and vote on this matter at the final budget hearing. I advised Mr. Bierman that a voting conflict exists due to the fact the Vice Mayor has an enumerated relationship with a party to be affected by his board's decision. As such, the Vice Mayor should absent himself from the discussions and vote when the funding of this non-profit business group comes up.

Robert Meyers
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