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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, November 06, 2007 4:36 PM
To: Marante, Roly (DIST6)
Cc: Sanchez, Gerald (CAO)
Subject: RE:

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Roly,

This is to confirm our discussion relative to the Board of County Commissioners and the Office of the County Mayor desiring to lend humanitarian aid to the Caribbean nations most seriously affected by Tropical Storm Noel. I understand that the County is making a mass appeal to individuals and local businesses in Miami-Dade County to leave provisions for the County to pick up and transport to the Dominican Republic and Haiti. In addition to transporting the supplies to these countries, several County officials will likely make the trip as well on an airplane owned by Federal Express.

The two questions to address are as follows: 1) Is there a prohibition against soliciting gifts for the abovementioned purposes and 2) Is Federal Express a County vendor that would necessitate a waiver under Section 2-11.1(w). In an opinion issued to Chairman Martinez in 2005 I concluded that County officials could solicit contributions and donations from the public, including those doing business with the County, to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina on account of the fact that these solicitations were to further official County business and were being performed by County officials and employees in their official capacities. Therefore, the efforts to aid the victims of Tropical Storm Noel would be consistent with the 2005 opinion.

As far as transporting the County officials is concerned, we have been advised by the Procurement Management Director that Federal Express is not a County vendor. Under these circumstances, Section 2-11.1(w) is not applicable and County officials are free to travel to these countries on a Federal Express airplane without having to seek a waiver.

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

Robert

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I need to speak with both of you. Time sensitive.

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Fedex is not registered and has no contracts. FedEx-Kinko's is registered.

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