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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
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I received a telephone call from Gerald Sanchez with the County Attorney's Office during the week of July 14, 2008 concerning whether Commissioner Joe Martinez had a voting conflict if he were to vote on an item involving a company which owns and operates several charter schools in the area. Commissioner Martinez' daughter works for one of the schools owned by the corporation, but this particular school was not the one before the Board of County Commissioners. I was advised that the Commissioner's daughter lives with Commissioner Martinez. In order for a voting conflict to exist, the Commissioner would be required to benefit directly or indirectly from his vote or be uniquely affected by the outcome. Voting on a matter that would impact the corporation as a whole that runs charter schools in the area would not result in a voting conflict unless his daughter's school was specifically affected. Since this agenda item does not apply to the daughter's charter school, Commissioner Martinez may participate in and vote on this matter.

Robert Meyers
August 5, 2008