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Via First Class Mail and email at casadc@miamidade.gov

Re: INQ 09-184, Nonprofit Contract with the County

Dear Ms. Casado:

In communications with our staff on December 3, 2009, you asked if your employment with Miami-Dade County and simultaneous nonpaid voluntary board membership on the nonprofit organization, Citizens for a Better South Florida, prevent the nonprofit from entering into contracts with Miami-Dade County.

In brief, no ethics conflicts are created by your concurrent county employment and voluntary service on a nonprofit board.

The County Code at §§ 2-11.1 (c) and (d) prohibits contracts between one's own department and a corporation in which a county employee holds a controlling financial interest. Because nonprofit corporations do not allow for financial ownership interests in the nonprofit, your volunteer activities with Citizens for a Better South Florida do not create a fact pattern prohibited under these sections of the code.

If any of the facts you have presented change, or if you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 305 350-0601.

Sincerely,

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