

Meyers, Robert (COE)

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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2009 10:58 AM
To: 'David M. Wolpin'
Subject: RE: Rolle letter

Dear David:

Sorry for not responding sooner to your e-mail. The Ethics Commission has held that a public official or a public employee may write a letter of reference provided the official/employee is familiar with the party seeking the reference due to interactions between the two in the course of conducting official government business. In the particular case of Chief Rolle, he would be permitted to sign a letter of reference on city letterhead due to the fact that he has dealt with the city vendor in his official capacity as Homestead Police Chief.

Please feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss.

Thanks,

Robert

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
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From: David M. Wolpin [mailto:DWolpin@wsh-law.com]
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2009 2:49 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Cc: David M. Wolpin
Subject: FW: Rolle letter

Hi Robert - I hope that all is well.

Would you be able to advise me as to whether you see any impediment under Section 2-11.1 of the County Ethics Code , for the Homestead Chief of Police to sign this letter of reference that has been requested by a security product company doing business in the City?

The Police Chief will not sign this letter unless and until we receive your approval as requested herein.

I noticed that the proposed, but not yet adopted, amendments to the County Ethics Code (Sec. 2-11.1(g)) would restrict use of City letterhead to " official public business", if such amendment is adopted.

Please advise.
Thank you.



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