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**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2009 2:48 PM  
**To:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Subject:** Inquiry

I received a phone call from Willie Chacon, candidate for the City of Miami Commission. He lost the election but wanted to know whether it is proper for him to distribute his unspent campaign funds to the South Florida Sports League, a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency he founded and serves as its executive director. Under state law, distributions to non-profits are permissible from the candidate's campaign account as a way of closing out the account. According to the Florida Elections Department, such a disbursement by Mr. Chacon would be lawful but is potentially suspect, as he might directly or indirectly benefit from the disbursement of his campaign contributions.

I recommended to Mr. Chacon that it creates a perception problem if he were to give the leftover campaign funds to his non-profit and he agreed. He indicated to me that he would distribute the money (approximately \$7,000) to the Miami-Dade Exchange Youth Football League.

Robert Meyers  
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