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From: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2010 3:16 PM
To: 'Blanca Gutierrez'
Subject: RE: Section 8 Landlords

Blanca,

To answer your question, yes, the individual you referred to below should seek an ethics opinion from our office.

Additionally, as we discussed, the affidavit you described raises several questions.

- First, elected County officials cannot also, at the same time, be County employees.
- Second, an elected County official (and his/her immediate family members) cannot enter into any contracts with the County, directly or indirectly through a privately owned company. The ordinance states that the company is barred from entering into contracts with the County if the elected official (or an immediate family member) holds at least a 10% or greater interest in the company.
- Notice the difference between elected officials and County employees—County employees are allowed to enter into contracts with the County, but not with their own departments. Elected officials are barred completely.
- Finally, elected officials may overcome the prohibition about not contracting with the County by seeking a waiver from the Board of County Commissioners at a public meeting.

Please feel free to call if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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From: Blanca Gutierrez [mailto:bgutierrez@mdvoucher.com]
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Victoria,

2/8/2010

I received an affidavit fill out by individual for a company, in the affidavit the person states that she is a Miami-Dade County Employee and she is an elected official of the Miami-Dade County.

Does the company or individual that fill out the affidavit need a Ethics Letter.

Please advise.

Thank you,

Blanca Gutierrez

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