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Ethics (COE)

From: Ethics (COE)
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2010 11:53 AM
To: 'Frances M. Bohnsack'
Subject: RE: For Robert Meyers

Dear Fran:

After speaking with the City Attorney last week, we are of the opinion that a person who represents the position of a bona fide community organization is not defined as a lobbyist under the City of Miami Code. In effect, this means that such individuals are required to register but are not required to take the lobbyist certification course and they have to file a lobbyist expenditure report. Furthermore, they do not have to pay the register either.

In your particular case, you fall within this section, as you are employed by a bona fide community organization and may from time-to-time represent the interest of this organization before City of Miami boards, committees and officials.

If you need additional information, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: Frances M. Bohnsack [mailto:manatee@gate.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2010 5:06 PM
To: Ethics (COE)
Subject: For Robert Meyers

Hello, Robert.

As per our phone conversation today, would you please provide me with an opinion or statement regarding my status and the requirement to take the lobbyist course on ethics? I run a not for profit on the Miami River and am continually told that I have to take this course. Thanks for your clarification.

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