

**Meyers, Robert (COE)**

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**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 25, 2010 3:02 PM  
**To:** Espinosa, Carlos (DERM)  
**Subject:** RE: Membership in the South Florida National Park Trust.pdf

Dear Mr. Espinosa:

Thank you for your request for opinion. As I understand it, you wish to know whether a conflict of interest is created if you, as the director of the County Department of Environmental Resource Management (DERM), were to join the South Florida National Park Trust as either a board member or as part of the Trust advisory board. Assuming that board membership is not a compensated position, there is no provision in the County's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance that would prohibit you from associating with the organization as an unpaid board member.

I will remind you, however, that if the South Florida National Park Trust were to engage in fundraising and expected its board to participate in this activity, you could do so provided you do not use your County title or any County resources in furtherance of the fundraising efforts. Furthermore, you cannot appear before any County board or committee or meet with any County officials or employees in connection with South Florida National Trust business.

If you have any further questions or wish to discuss, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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

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**From:** Espinosa, Carlos (DERM)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 23, 2010 3:35 PM  
**To:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Cc:** Rodgers, Frances (DERM); Mallary, Lakisha (DERM)  
**Subject:** Membership in the South Florida National Park Trust.pdf

I'm interested in joining the South Florida National Park Trust as either a board member or as part of their advisory board. I have attached a memo and supporting information requesting your organizations evaluation of such action. The original documents are been sent by interoffice mail.

Carlos Espinosa, P.E., Director  
 Dept. of Environmental Resources Management  
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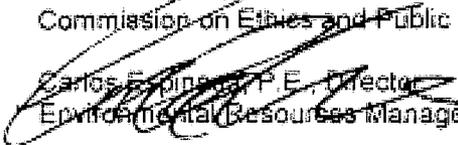


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6/25/2010

Date: June 23, 2010

To: Robert Meyers, Executive Director  
Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From:  Carlos Espinoza, P.E., Director  
Environmental Resources Management

Subject: Membership in the South Florida National Park Trust

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I am interested in joining the South Florida National Park Trust as either a board member or part of their advisory board. I am enclosing information regarding this organization and their activities. Also, you may contact the organization's Executive Director, Don Finefrock at (305) 665-4769 or email him at [dfinefrock@southfloridaparks.org](mailto:dfinefrock@southfloridaparks.org) concerning specific questions regarding this organization and their activities.

I would request an opinion regarding possible conflict of interest or overall appropriateness of my participation in this organization.

You may contact me at (305) 372-6754 or cell (786) 258-4305 or email me at [Espino@miamidade.gov](mailto:Espino@miamidade.gov). Thank you for your attention to this matter.