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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2010 10:35 AM
To: Lievano, Maria (DIST12)
Subject: Use of Discretionary Funds

Hi Maria:

Pursuant to our conversation yesterday, I am supplying you with a written reply to your question. You wanted to know whether your boss, County Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, could use office funds to fund a trip to Tallahassee. The Commissioner's schedule includes meetings with various state legislative officials and attending the inauguration of the new governor. In order for a County Commissioner to use funds from his/her discretionary account, it is necessary to show the funds are being expended for a public purpose. Given the fact that Commissioner Diaz is representing the interests of Miami-Dade County when meeting with state officials, I conclude that he can use his discretionary funds to cover the costs of his travel to Tallahassee.

If you wish to discuss or have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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

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