

**Meyers, Robert (COE)**

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**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 01, 2010 4:14 PM  
**To:** 'Del Valle, Juan Carlos G'  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with City Planning Staff

JC:

Per our conversation last week, the Ethics Commission has consistently held that a person invited to appear at a public meeting at the request of a local government official is not engaged in lobbying when providing technical information to the board, committee or employee who solicited his input in the first place. In your specific case, the City of Miami planning staff has invited a University of Miami real estate and facilities member to attend a briefing with Commissioner Gort so UM can provide technical information on the Regional Activity Center designation.

Given the purpose of the meeting and the invitation extended to the UM real estate and facilities member, this appearance would not be considered lobbying.

If you have any questions concerning the above, 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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**From:** Del Valle, Juan Carlos G [mailto:jcdelvalle@miami.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2010 12:46 PM  
**To:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Subject:** Meeting with City Planning Staff

Good morning Bob –

Nice speaking to you this morning.

I need to get your opinion on something. The City of Miami planning staff has invited a UM real estate and facilities member to attend a briefing tomorrow with Commissioner Gort. The purpose of the meeting is for UM to provide technical information on the Regional Activity Center designation, a legislative item that the City is sponsoring this Thursday. Please let me know if this is considered lobbying according to the City's ordinance.

Thank you.

JC

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