

Meyers, Robert (COE)

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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 2:24 PM
To: Campbell, Kyndal (Vizcaya)
Subject: RE: Trust Conflicts on Support Group Contracts

Hi Kyndal:

The changes have not been adopted yet, but based upon the amendments to the voting conflicts language, the answers below should stand. The only significant difference will be an 18 month ban on voting if you had a prior relationship with a party or entity appearing before your board. What this will mean for Vizcaya Trust members going forward is those who sat on the board of the Vizcayans or the Guides will not be allowed to vote on contracts coming before the Vizcaya Trust involving these entities for a period of 18 months from the date they separated from the Vizcayans or the Guides. Once the County Commission takes official action on this amendment, I will let you know.

Thanks,

Robert Meyers

From: Campbell, Kyndal (Vizcaya)
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 1:48 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: FW: Trust Conflicts on Support Group Contracts

Good Afternoon Robert,

I left you a phone message but thought that this email might better explain what I need.

There have been recent changes and newly proposed changes to the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance. Do any of the changes and/or proposed changes alter the information specified below?

I'd be grateful for your input. By the way, the Ethics Officer Meeting on 02.26.10 was very informative, particularly the summary of opinions provided and guest speaker Alicia Valle.

Thank you,

Kyndal Campbell
 Vizcaya Museum and Gardens

From: Logue, Thomas (CAO)
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2006 11:37 AM
To: Hoffman, Joel (Vizcaya)
Cc: Campbell, Kyndal (Vizcaya); Van Dyke, Stefania (Vizcaya); Fruitt, Dennis (Vizcaya); 'Jeffrey Rynor'; 'ymachado@mitrani.com'
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Joel:

I spoke with Robert Meyers, the executive director of the Commission on Ethics. We agreed that the members of the Trust must comply with the provisions of section 2-11.1 (v) of the Code of Miami-Dade County. Accordingly:

A. A person sitting on the Trust must recuse himself or herself on the vote regarding the contract with a specific support group if the person sitting on the Trust is an officer or board member of that support group. She would not need to recuse herself if she is merely a member of the support group.

B. A person sitting on the Trust who has a family member who is either a member or officer of a support group need not recuse herself.

So the answers to your questions are:

1. Yes, officers and board members must recuse themselves; no, members need not recuse themselves.
2. No.
3. see number 1.
4. No.

Tom

From: Hoffman, Joel (Vizcaya)

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2006 11:50 AM

To: Logue, Thomas (CAO)

Cc: Campbell, Kyndal (Vizcaya); Van Dyke, Stefania (Vizcaya); Fruitt, Dennis (Vizcaya); 'Jeffrey Rynor'; 'ymachado@mitrani.com'

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Hi Tom,

A fairly simple question for you:

In September the support groups will present to the Trust their contract renewals with changes for approvals. Good news is we have pretty much completed the review process with the Guides and all parties seem satisfied with the final product. When the votes occur:

1. Should active Guides recuse themselves from the vote on the Guides' contract?
2. Should Carlton Cole whose wife is an active Guide recuse himself from the vote on the Guides' contract?
3. Should all Vizcayans' Board members recuse themselves from the vote on The Vizcayans' contract?
4. Should other Vizcayans' members recuse themselves from the vote on The Vizcayans' contract; or is there a threshold of \$500 for a gift in the last fiscal year that would determine whether a conflict exists.

I hope these are simple questions and pretty much assume the answers to 1-3 would be "yes," but 4 is tricky as we encourage everyone to be a Vizcayans' member. On a related point, The Vizcayans Board changed their bylaws in June so that members no longer have voting authority but the organization is instead Board driven!
Thanks,

Joel