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Sent: Friday, April 22, 2016 8:58 AM
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Subject: RE: Cornell Crews, Chair, Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust, INQ 16- 124

Thank you Ms. Turay.
I greatly appreciate your time and effort in addressing my concerns.
Thank you again.

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From: Turay, Radia (COE) [<mailto:Radia.Turay@miamidade.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2016 7:03 PM

To: Cornell Crews <cornell@partnersforselfemployment.org>

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Dear Mr. Crews,

You submitted an inquiry regarding whether you can recommend to the Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT) Board of Directors, that they provide your employer, Partners For Self Employment Inc. (PSE), funding for a website that PSE is building. The basic facts you have presented thus far are as follows:

- You are the Chair of Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT), and a member of the MDEAT Board of Trustees.
- You are employed as Fund Development/Community Relations Director of the non-profit organization, PSE.
- PSE is building a website that will provide resources for starting and maintaining a small business in Miami-Dade County.

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Further, **Sec. 2-11.1(g)** of the County Ethics Code, prohibits County board member from exploiting/using his/her County board position to secure special privileges or exemptions for himself/herself or others, in this instance, on behalf of your employer, PSE.

In order to prevent possible inferences of cronyism, you must avoid *personally* sponsoring/recommending initiatives that will *directly benefit* PSE.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Radia Turay.

From: Cornell Crews [<mailto:cornell@partnersforselfemployment.org>]

Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 7:01 PM

To: Turay, Radia (COE)

Subject: RE: ethics question request opinion

Ms. Turay

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Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 12:47 PM
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Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 11:51 AM

To: Cornell Crews <cornell@partnersforselfemployment.org>

Subject: FW: ethics question request opinion

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Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 11:46 AM
To: Ethics (COE) <ethics@miamidade.gov>
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