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INQ 16-162 Jacobo

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**Subject:** INQ 16-162 Esther Jacobo, Board Member, Children's Trust (Exploitation)

Esther Jacobo, a member of the Miami-Dade County Children's Trust board, inquired regarding whether it would be ethically permissible for her to send a letter on personal stationery to the Governor in support of an individual who is one of several individuals whose names have been submitted to the Governor for possible appointment to the Children's Trust. Ms. Jacobo is the designee of the State Attorney to the board, where she is employed full-time. The individual in question is known to Ms. Jacobo based upon interaction they had while Ms. Jacobo was an attorney and Interim Director of the Florida Department of Children and Families. I advised Ms. Jacobo that, as long as she was using her own stationery and basing her recommendation on her personal knowledge of the individual in question, there would be no violation of any ethical provisions and no Exploitation of Official Position under Section 2-11.1(g) of the County Ethics Code. I also advised Ms. Jacobo, however, that she should check to make sure that such action would not violate any internal policies at the Children's Trust or at the State Attorney's Office.

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