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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, January 05, 2005 1:51 PM
To: Unzueta, Silvia M. (CED) (305) 375-3427
Subject: RE: SISTER CITY COORDINATING COUNCIL FOLLOW UP

Sylvia,

Let me do my best to answer your questions.

- 1) Individuals doing business with the County may be appointed to any position on the Coordinating Council so long as the contract between the Council member and the County is not subject to the regulation, oversight, management, policy-setting or quasi-judicial authority of the Coordinating Council.
- 2) Members of the Coordinating Council who seeking to business with the County are subject to the restrictions that are identified above. Additionally, a Council member ought to request an opinion from this office before entering into the contract with the County.
- 3) Members of the Coordinating Council who participate on third party missions are exploiting their official position on the Council if they exclusively promote their own businesses while on a mission.
- 4) Communications between Council members that involve promoting their own businesses are permissible provided these communications do not violate the Sunshine Law. A Sunshine Law violation is triggered if two board members are discussing matters that have been placed on the agenda or foreseeably might be presented to the board. Other discussion would not violate the law.
- 5) The County Code does not permit individuals to serve on more than one County board at a time.
- 6) The questions about project alteration is not something I can answer. It involves a question of delegation of authority to a committee and is more of an administrative/managerial question, not one for the Ethics Commission.
- 7) Members should not be using the County e-mail system to promote their own businesses. If members have other e-mail addresses, then I see nothing wrong with exchanging this type of information as long as they are not communicating about Council business (see response #4).
- 8) Under no circumstances may a Council members use his/her influence to promote or seek an advantage for the individual or the individual's business.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Thanks,

Robert

-----Original Message-----

From: Unzueta, Silvia M. (CED) (305) 375-3427
Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 2004 4:54 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Cc: Gonzalez, Manny (ITC); Rescendi, Mayda (ITC)
Subject: SISTER CITY COORDINATING COUNCIL FOLLOW UP

HI BOB,

AS A FOLLOW UP TO YOUR VISIT AND TRAINING OF THE SISTER CITY COORDINATING COUNCIL, YOU HAD REQUESTED THAT ANY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS AFTER YOU ADDRESSED THE GROUP SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO YOU IN WRITING TO ALLOW YOU TO RESPOND.

DIRECTOR GONZALEZ AND I SPOKE ABOUT TWO-THREE WEEKS AGO AND HE HAD ASKED ME TO PREPARE QUESTIONS THAT I THOUGHT WOULD HELP TO CLARIFY IN A GREATER DETAIL ANY QUESTIONS THE COUNCIL MIGHT HAVE.

I AM ATTACHING THE ONES I CAME UP WITH ... AND MANNY AND THE STAFF MIGHT LIKE TO ASK SOME OF THEIR OWN.

THANKS FOR YOUR ON GOING WORK ON BEHALF OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY.

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