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Mr. Gazitua,

I reviewed the proposed constituent letter and I find nothing objectionable in it. I asked the County Attorney for input and that office concurred with my assessment.

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

Thank you,

Robert Meyers

From: Gazitua, Luis Andre (Mayor's Office)
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2005 2:21 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE); Ethics (COE)
Cc: Mallette, Victoria (Mayor's Office); Trutie, Suzy (Mayor's Office); Gonzalez-Hernandez, Amy (Mayor's Office); Morales, Denis (Mayor's Office); Gonzalez, Delivette (Mayor's Office)
Subject: Inquiry

Mr. Meyers.

I have an inquiry regarding responding to a constituent letter. My question is as follows:

Whether the office of an elected official may disseminate the following email response to a constituent subsequent to the constituent's praise on the elected official's position on an issue and inquiry regarding a Political Action Committee that the elected official supports.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your recent e-mail regarding my proposed reforms for Miami-Dade County government. As you know, I believe we need to restructure our government to bring about fundamental change.

It makes sense that department directors, not commissioners, should be responsible for awarding contracts. This measure will take away any perception that special interest groups hold undue sway in our procurement process.

Secondly, I believe the Office of the Mayor should also have direct authority over department heads. My ultimate goal here is to increase efficiency.

In addition, I would like to see commissioner's salaries increased in accordance with the state formula (approximately \$85,000) to encourage more citizens to run for elected office.

Miami-Dade County employees and elected officials must be accountable for the decisions they make. These decisions affect our entire community.

If you would more information about the proposed reforms for County government, please visit www.citizens4reform.org. Also, feel free to share your comments with our local media.

Once again, thank for being a concerned. We welcome your comments about all of Miami-Dade County's programs and services. Please do not hesitate to contact my office, (305) 375-5071, in the future for further updates.

Sincerely,

Elected Official

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