

Ethics (COE)

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From: Ethics (COE)
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2006 4:43 PM
To: 'Roman Gastesi'
Subject: RE: Conflict ?

Roman,

Per our conversation, the Two Year Rule which bars former County employees from lobbying the County for two years after separation would not apply in this case. Therefore, if appointed, you may sit on this Task Force. Moreover, you mention that your new firm represents Miami-Dade County in Tallahassee and Washington, D.C. The two-year ban does not apply to former employees who are lobbying on behalf of the County; it only applies to lobbying the County on behalf of third party clients. However, if the County were to go out for bid for lobbying services in the future and Tew Cardenas were to bid on this contract, you could not be part of the lobbying team until your two years had passed.

If you have any other questions or wish to discuss, please contact me at your convenience.

Thanks,

Robert

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Robert

I hope all is well with you.

As you may know, I left County service last October and now work in the private sector - contact info below.

For the last couple of years I have been on Harvey Ruvins Ad Hoc Committee on Climate Change. Recently the Commission passed an Ordinance creating the Miami-Dade County Climate Change Advisory Task Force and I would like to continue serving - I want to make sure that there are no conflicts since I am still under the two-year ban and our firm represents Miami-Dade County in Wash DC and Tallahassee.

Can you please give me your thoughts

Thank you
-Roman

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