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INQ 06-49

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
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To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: Inquiry

I received a call from Councilman Pizzi in Miami Lakes and he indicated he wanted to have a party for city staff. There would be no other elected officials from Miami Lakes attending this party. The Manager sent out an e-mail to the employees notifying employees of the party. Mr. Pizzi would not be using city funds to pay for the party. I advised Mr. Pizzi that the Manager had not acted improperly when he notified Miami Lakes employees via e-mail inviting them to the party. An argument could be mounted that the party serves a public purpose and it certain seemed reasonable to contact employees by e-mail. Because no other elected officials were invited, there would be no concerns about possible violations of the Sunshine Law. I further advised Mr. Pizzi that individuals and companies doing business with the Town or who have some interest before the Town should not be invited to this party. Finally, the purpose of the party cannot be campaign-related. If this were the case, it would not be appropriate to invite Town employees.

Robert Meyers
March 24, 2006

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