Meyers, Robert (COE)

To:

Ian Martinez

Subject: RE: Ethics Question & Request for Opinion

Mr. Martinez,

The Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance of Miami-Dade County does not prohibit potential County contractors from contributing to the campaigns of sitting County commissioners. Miami-Dade does, however, limit contributions to \$250 and bars corporate contributions.

If you have any additional questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Thank you,

Robert Meyers Executive Director

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From: Ian Martinez [mailto:imartinez@rrpelegal.com]

Sent: Friday, November 14, 2003 12:35 PM

To: Meyers, Robert (COE)

Cc: Alfonso Perez

Subject: RE: Ethics Question & Request for Opinion

Dear Mr. Meyers:

I am sending you this e-mail, pursuant to our conversation today. Our situation is the following:

We are currently in the running for Disclosure Bond Counsel for Miami-Dade County and have partnered with another firm. Individuals in our firms would like to donate money to various candidates for County Mayor, including Commissioner Jimmy Morales. As you know, eventually Commissioner Morales may be voting on this issue. We would like to know if there is any impropriety in donating money to those seeking the Mayoral vacancy, including Commissioner Morales in this circumstance.

As you, stated, there is no impropriety, and we appreciate that and would like to have it issued in a written opinion, pursuant to our conversation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either myself or Al Perez. I remain,

Very Truly Yours, lan Illych Martínez, Esq. Rasco, Reininger, Perez & Esquinazi PL 283 Catalonia Avenue, 2nd Floor Coral Gables, FL 33134 305.476.7100 (ph) 305.476.7102 (fax) I2 B-111