

Meyers, Robert (COE)

From: Shiver, Steve (CMO)
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2002 7:20 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Cc: Mazzella, Christopher (OIG)
Subject: RE: Your Section 8 disclosure

Thanks Chris... I am also asking Housing to possibly transfer the client to Homestead Housing Authority that would not have any direct line or reporting to our office. I will let you know of the outcome. However, please know that I will not let the check be issued from Miami-Dade County....

Thanks again

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

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From: Shiver, Steve (CMO)
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2002 8:34 AM
To: Mazzella, Christopher (OIG); Ginsburg, Robert A (CA); Meyers, Robert (COE); Katherine Fernandez Rundle (RundleK@sa11.state.fl.us)
Cc: 'centarj@sa11.state.fl.us'
Subject: Section 8

Gentlemen,

My family has several residential and commercial rental properties in and around South Dade and have for many years. In the interest of full disclosure, I am writing to inform you of a circumstance that has recently come to my attention.

My parents RS and Sue Shiver own a residence at 755 SW 5 Street in Florida City. This property is managed by a third party, Century 21 Shiver Realty in Homestead which I no longer have any ownership interest in. It has recently come to my attention that in October of 2001, the management agent, upon approval of a Metro Dade Housing agent, allowed a section 8 tenant (Wilson) to move in the property also with consent of my parents. The Wilsons were previously section 8 tenants in the Hialeah area and appear to have transferred their voucher to South Dade. At that time the housing inspection was to be completed and then payment would be made.....

Unfortunately I was not aware of this until recently when the management agency spoke to my wife about the lack of response for payment from the housing agency. My wife, through the regular Metro Dade Housing number called to inquire as to when payments would be received. Still, I was personally unaware of the situation. After several days of calling and being transferred around housing, my wife was frustrated and called my office to speak with Barbara Jordan, Assistant County Manager in charge of Housing. At that time, (this week) I was made aware of the situation which has prompted my writing. It is my understanding that the home has been approved and a check for the rent is being issued however, I thought it would be necessary to inform you.

While I have no financial interest in the property nor have I influenced or discussed this matter with anyone except Barbara Jordan recently (this week), in the interest of full disclosure I am seeking your guidance. Additionally, be aware that the Wilsons have occupied this home since October without any rent being received from my parents. The total rental amount is \$750 per month which I am told is \$100 less than the asking amount of \$850 previously charged for the home....

Please let me know your thoughts and if I should make any special arrangements or formal disclosures. I will not allow the check to be issued until I hear from you collectively.....

Regards,
Steve Shiver
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