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**Meyers, Robert (COE)**

**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 30, 2003 4:11 PM  
**To:** Lievano, Maria (DIST12)  
**Subject:** RE: American Heart Association

Maria,

Thank you for this information. I've discussed this matter with our legal counsel and we are of the opinion that he may serve as the Chairperson of the 2004 American Heart Walk because the responsibilities you have outlined in your e-mail to me do not violate the County Code of Ethics Ordinance, but there are some conditions that apply. First, any solicitations of corporations to provide sponsorships for the event should not be limited to companies currently doing business with the County or seeking to do business with the County. Additionally, he needs to minimize the time that his County staff spend on this event. When his County staff receive calls and questions concerning the Walk itself and related activities, these inquiries should be referred to the American Heart Association staff. Lastly, if the Heart Association decided to seek financial support from the County for this event, the Commissioner could not be part of the effort seeking County funding.

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

Robert

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**From:** Lievano, Maria (DIST12)  
**Sent:** Monday, December 29, 2003 11:44 AM  
**To:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Cc:** Moya, Domingo (DIST12)  
**Subject:** American Heart Association

Robert:

The American Heart Association would like the Commissioner to serve as the Chairperson of the 2004 American Heart Walk. The Chairperson's responsibilities include:

- Recruit/follow-up with the Executive Committee; Help secure Presenting Sponsorship with a top level company;
- Recruit A+/A/some B companies; Lead/preside/ensure success of all kick-offs and other events; and,
- meet/strategize with AHA Staff on a regular basis.

Please advise if his role as chairperson of this event can lead to any Code of Ethics violations.

Thank you.

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