

Meyers, Robert (COE)

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To: c_roman1@bellsouth.net
Subject: RE: [Fwd: Robert Myers]

Thank you for your request for opinion. I understand that you are the pastor of the Grace of God Baptist Church, Inc. and your church is currently sharing space with the Grace of God Community Rehabilitation Center CDC. You further state in your e-mail that the CDC and your church are separate legal entities. Additionally, you indicate there is a joint venture between the Preserve Group and the Grace of God Community Rehabilitation Center CDC, which is seeking funding from the Board of County Commissioners. This matter is scheduled to be heard by the BCC in May 2003. Finally, you state that you are an employee of the Office of the Miami-Dade County Mayor.

As we discussed over the telephone, I see nothing in the county's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance that creates a conflict between your duties as a County employee and your involvement with the Grace of God Baptist Church. This is based upon the fact that the CDC which is seeking funding from the County is not connected to the church, the two are separate legal entities and you have no official or unofficial responsibilities for the CDC. As long as this is the case and you do not appear as a representative of CDC when it seeks county funds, there is no legal conflict. Furthermore, assuming the county funds this joint venture, you would not be permitted to play a role in how these funds are utilized or dispersed.

If you have any questions concerning above or if you would like me to present your request for opinion at its next regular meeting, please contact me at your convenience.

Thank you,

Robert Meyers

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2003 7:12 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
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> From: "Johns, Philip (DIST2)" <PJOHNS@miamidade.gov>
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> To: Robert Myers, Director
> Miami-Dade County Ethics & Public Trust Commission
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> RE: Conflict of Interest Inquiry
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> Mark Coats,
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Mark Coats,
Pastor