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From: Zuaznabar, Maritza (MDHA)
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2004 1:00 PM
To: Prkic, Christina (COE)
Subject: RE: Sec. 8 opinion

Christine,

Thank you so much for your assistance.

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From: Prkic, Christina (COE)
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Maritza:

You asked whether the Vice-Mayor of Golden Beach may contract with the County's Housing Agency to provide Section 8 housing.

The Code of Ethics does not prohibit the Vice Mayor from participating in the program. Section 2-11.1 (c) provides that,

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary herein, subsection (c) and (d) shall not be construed to prevent any employee...from entering into any contract, individually or through a firm, corporation, partnership or business entity in which the employee or any member of his or her immediate family has a controlling financial interest, with Miami-Dade County or any person or agency acting for Miami-Dade County as long as 1) entering into the contract would not interfere with the full and faithful discharge by the employee of his or her duties to the County, 2) the employee has not participated in determining the subject contract awards or awarding the contract, and 3) the employee's job responsibilities and job description will not require him or her to be involved with the contract in any way, including but not limited to its enforcement, oversight, administration, amendment, extension, termination or forbearance.

His responsibilities as Vice-Mayor of a municipality will not require his involvement in any aspect of the contract to provide Section 8 housing.

Feel free to call me if you have any other questions.

Sincerely Yours,
Christina Prkic
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