

Prkic, Christina (COE)

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From: Prkic, Christina (COE)
Sent: Monday, May 03, 2004 3:34 PM
To: 'marina@dpz.com'
Subject: Your ethics question

Hi Marina:

I apologize for the delay in responding. Robert Meyers asked that I respond to your request for an ethics clarification on behalf of Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk ('Lizz').

In your email to Robert Meyers dated April 20th, you indicate that Lizz would like to attend County bond meetings and speak in favor of funding for a PDR program. Lizz, and her firm DPZ, were contracted by the County to lead the Miami-Dade Agriculture and Rural Areas Study for Miami-Dade County. You specifically asked whether she would be considered a lobbyist if she speaks and identifies herself as a "consultant to the County" at the various County bond meetings.

Based upon the above-mentioned facts, Lizz would not be considered a lobbyist under the County's Code of Ethics Ordinance if she made presentations as a "consultant to the County" during County bond meetings. In addition, as you correctly note, she can obviously speak at these meetings in her capacity as a private citizen.

Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any additional questions.

Sincerely Yours,
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Meyers, Robert (COE)

From: Marina Khoury [marina@dpz.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2004 2:59 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: Ethics question from Subrata
Importance: High

Hi,

I am writing on behalf of Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk (Lizz), Principal at DPZ, the firm contracted to lead the Miami-Dade Agriculture and Rural Areas Study for Miami-Dade County. Subrata Basu asked me to email you a question I had for him that he felt you were better equipped to answer from an ethics point-of-view. We also want to make sure there is not even the perception of impropriety.

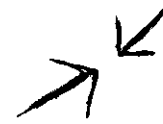
Lizz would like to attend the County Bond Meetings and speak in favor of funding for a PDR program (that was part of our recommendations to the County and included in our Report).

We understand she can speak as a private citizen. However, can she speak as a "consultant to the County"? Will she be perceived as a lobbyist for the County?

Your assistance with this matter would be greatly appreciated. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any further questions.

Regards,

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Christina -
Please handle this for me.

Thanks,
Robert

P.S. I wasn't able to get to it before going on vacation.