

Meyers, Robert (COE)

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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2004 12:45 PM
To: 'Hernandez, Elizabeth'
Subject: RE: Letter of Support

Liz,

Sorry I haven't responder sooner, but I was moving my office on Friday. I agree with your opinion -- it's clearly a public purpose.

Robert

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

From: Hernandez, Elizabeth [mailto:ehernandez@coralgables.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2004 4:30 PM
To: 'Meyers, Robert (COE)'
Subject: FW: Letter of Support

I am of the opinion that this is for a public purpose and not personal-so I think she can.

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

From: Maria Anderson [mailto:maria@trapezoid.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2004 3:35 PM
To: 'Hernandez, Elizabeth'
Cc: maria@trapezoid.com
Subject: FW: Letter of Support

Liz -

Can I use city letterhead for this? Pls. advise.

Maria

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

From: Dursum, Brian A. [mailto:bdursum@miami.edu]
Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2004 10:13 AM
To: manderson@coralgables.com
Subject: Letter of Support

Dear Maria,

The Lowe Art Museum is applying for matching funds through the Cultural Facilities Program administered by the Florida Department of State. I deeply appreciate your willingness to lend your voice to help us secure critically needed funding to complete a project that will benefit our entire community. Recently, Miami residents Myrna and Sheldon Palley, alumni of the University of Miami and long-time supporters of cultural and educational programming all over Miami-Dade County, announced their intention to donate their world-renowned contemporary art glass collection to the University of Miami's Lowe Art Museum. Along with this gift of art, the Palleys have made a major donation of \$1 million towards the construction of a new wing at the Lowe dedicated to glass and studio arts-a new collecting area for the Lowe and the only such dedicated art space in the State. They have further pledged \$1 million to fund a future programming endowment for exhibition and educational programming related to their collection gift. This marks the first major, multi-million dollar gift to the Lowe Art Museum, and represents a giant step in the encouragement of other major art collectors in our community to follow suit. Thanks to the Palley's initiative, the Lowe will be further developing the Palley collection to include new acquisitions and initiatives in the studio arts. The development of this gift is directly tied into the development of a studio art glass program at the University's Art and Art History Department, as well as to existing programs in ceramics and sculpture, thereby creating a unique cultural and educational resource for our community and State. While the Palleys are providing a significant part of the cost of construction, their gift does not cover all the costs necessary to complete this project. We are, therefore, seeking additional State support for matching funds to help complete the construction of the wing to house this superlative collection and other future art acquisitions.

I am attaching a suggested draft of the letter of support for your approval, and am available should you have any questions about this grant application. You may reach me directly at bdursum@miami.edu or <mailto:bdursum@miami.edu> or (305) 284-5414. We need to have your letter on letterhead stationery by July 19th. Thank you again for your continuing support of the Lowe Art Museum, University of Miami.

Best wishes,

Brian

Brian A. Dursum
Director and Chief Curator

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