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**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
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**To:** Forestier, David (Office of the Chair)  
**Subject:** RE: Beacon Council trip / ordinance interpretation

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David,

Thank you for the reminder. After consulting with my staff attorney, our analysis of Section 2-11.1(w) of the Code Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance concludes that the Beacon Council may fund the FTAA trip to the Bahamas for county officials and their staff for two reasons. Firstly, the County has a collaborative relationship with the Beacon Council by virtue of the fact that several county officials occupy positions on the Beacon Council boards and committees in the official positions. Secondly, only a party defined as a contractor, vendor, service provider, bidder or proposer is barred from paying travel expenses for county officials and employees and we are of the opinion that the Beacon Council does not fall within any of these categories.

If you wish to discuss the above in greater detail, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers

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**From:** Forestier, David (Office of the Chair)  
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Good Afternoon

Just a friendly reminder re the conversation we had late Friday Afternoon and your written interpretation on the propriety of Beacon Council funding the FTAA trip to Bahamas for commissioners and or staff. Thanks again for being so helpful and prompt with the verbal response.

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M. L. King*