

Therefore, you may vote on any issue arising before the board during your term.

This opinion construes the Miami-Dade Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance only and is not applicable to any conflict under state law. Please contact the State of Florida Commission on Ethics if you have any questions regarding possible conflicts under state law.

If you have any questions regarding the opinion, please call the undersigned at (305) 579-2954 or Ardyth Walker, Staff General Counsel at (305) 579-2653.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Meyers", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ROBERT MEYERS
Executive Director



February 9, 2000

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RE: REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION 00-03

CHRISTOPHER R. MAZZELLA
INSPECTOR GENERAL

Dear Mr. Plantada:

ARDYTH WALKER
STAFF GENERAL COUNSEL

The Commission on Ethics and Public Trust considered your request for an advisory opinion at its meeting on February 7, 2000 and rendered its opinion based on the facts stated in your letter.

You requested an opinion regarding your right to serve on the board and vote on matters other than the single family bond issues.

The Commission found that The Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance does not prohibit you from continuing to serve on the board or voting on any issues including single family bond issues. The ordinance prohibits you from serving on the board while contracting with the Housing Finance Agency to provide services through a firm in which you have a controlling financial interest as defined in the ordinance. Therefore, you may not serve on the board and contract with the board but you may continue your service on the board as long as your firm does not contract with the authority.

As for any potential voting conflict, the voting conflicts section of the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance only applies to county commissioners. The voting conflicts section does not apply to members of advisory boards and quasi-judicial boards.