

increase efficiency and improve effectiveness.

The Commission found The Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance permits you to serve on the Efficiency and Competition Commission as long as you do not vote on funding issues or other issues that will inure to the benefit of the Institute of Government or the Metropolitan Center. Section 2-11.1(n) prohibits board members from taking official action when financial interests are involved. Therefore, you may not vote on matters involving the Institute of Government or the Metropolitan Center.

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 this opinion, please call Ardyth Walker, Staff General Counsel at (305) 579-2653 or the undersigned at (305) 579-2594.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Meyers", followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

ROBERT MEYERS  
Executive Director



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**RE: REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION 01-30**

Dear Mr. Frank:

The Commission on Ethics and Public Trust considered your request for an advisory opinion at its meeting on April 4, 2001 and rendered its opinion based on the facts stated in your letter.

You requested an opinion regarding any conflicts between your work for the Institute of Government and your service on the county's Efficiency and Competition Commission.

In your letter, you advised the Commission that FIU's Institute of Government is part of the Metropolitan Center. The Institute of Government currently receives a research grant from the Housing Agency. The Metropolitan Center has also received county funding to study the efficiency and effectiveness of some county programs. The Efficiency and Competition Commission's mission is to formulate recommendations on changes to county operations that would