


Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Meyers". The signature is fluid and extends to the right with a long horizontal stroke.

ROBERT MEYERS
Executive Director

commissioner or a member of the staff of an
elected County official, or as County
Manager, senior assistant to the County
Manager, department director, departmental
personnel or employee shall for a period of
two years after his or her County employment
has ceased, lobby any county officer,
departmental personnel or employee in
connection with any judicial or other
proceeding, application, RFP, RFQ, bid,
request for ruling or other determination,
contract, claim, controversy, charge,
accusation, arrest or other particular
subject matter in which Miami-Dade County or
one (1) of its agencies or instrumentalities
is a party or has any interest whatever,
direct or indirect. Lobbying is defined under
the ordinance as seeking to encourage the
passage, defeat or modification of (1)
the County Commission; (2) any action,
decision, recommendation of any County board
or committee; or (3) any action, decision, or
recommendation of County personnel during the
time period of the entire decision-making
process on such action, decision or
recommendation which foreseeably will be heard
or reviewed by the County Commission or a
County board or committee. Since Liddy's
activities will not include lobbying, Liddy
is permitted to serve as a County consultant
on matters related to the litigation.

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) 350-0616 or the
undersigned at (305) 579-2594.



December 12, 2001

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RE: REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION 01-89

Dear Ms. Sosa:

The Commission on Ethics and Public Trust considered your request for opinion at their meeting on December 11, 2001 and rendered its opinion based on the facts stated in your letter.

You requested an opinion regarding a proposed consultant contract with a former county employee.

In your letter, you advised the Commission that Bill Liddy, former GSA Construction Manager for the Gerstein Renovation Project, retired from the county on July 13, 2001. The county is currently involved in litigation related to the Gerstein renovation. The County Attorney's office has requested Liddy's service as a consultant to provide factual and technical assistance in the litigation.

The Commission found that GSA may retain Liddy as a consultant because the two-year rule only prohibits former employees from lobbying the county. Section 2-11.1 (q)(1) provides that no person who has served as an elected County official, i.e. mayor, County