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**RE: REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION 02-180**

Dear Mr. Velez:

I reviewed your request for an advisory opinion and I am rendering my opinion based on the facts stated in your letter. The Ethics Commission has not considered this matter.

You requested an opinion regarding your ability to contract with the county to provide Section 8 housing.

In your letter, you advised the Commission that you work for Miami-Dade County Fire Department and you would like to contract with the Miami-Dade Housing Agency to provide Section 8 housing. Section 8 is a federally-funded program which subsidizes landlords who rent to low-income tenants.

You may contract with the Miami-Dade Housing Agency to provide Section 8 housing. Section 2-11.1 (c) provides that " Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary herein, subsection (c) and (d) shall not be construed to prevent any employee...from entering into any contract, individually or through a firm, corporation, partnership or business entity in which the employee or any member of his or her immediate family has a controlling financial interest, with Miami-Dade County or any person or agency acting for Miami-Dade County as long as 1) entering into the contract would not interfere with the full and faithful discharge by the employee of his or her duties to the County, 2) the employee has not participated in determining the

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