

Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

Memo

To: File
From: Michael Murawski, Advocate,
Sylvia Batista, Investigator, and Manuel W. Diaz, Investigator
CC: Robert Meyers, Executive Director
Date: February 24, 2016
Re: Council member Judy Waldman, City of Homestead

After considering the interviews of Council member Waldman, her husband, Merv Waldman, Mr. Paul Mulhern of the City's Tourism Board, the City Manager, assistant City Manager, Mrs. Sherry Miller of Jeffrey Industries, and the statement of Mr. Craig Bulger, we find that there is insufficient evidence to conclude that Councilwoman Waldman violated Sections 2-11.1(n) and (o) of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance. Pursuant to Section (n) of the Ordinance, officials are prohibited from participating in any official act that may directly or indirectly affect a project in which the official or any member of her immediate family has a financial interest. Section (o) of the Ordinance prohibits officials from acquiring a financial interest in a project at a time when the official has reason to believe that said financial interest will be affected by their, or the City's official actions.

The COE did not find conclusive evidence indicating that Council member Waldman was aware of her financial interest at the time that she participated in official actions that may have favorably affected said interest. For that reason, we recommend that this investigation be closed.

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