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Miami-Dade County
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Memo

To: File

From: Karl Ross, ethics investigator

Date: March 14, 2012

Re: K12-007 Miami-Dade Sports Commission

Close-out: After consultation with the Ethics Advocate, it was determined that the above-captioned matter should be closed without further investigation.

Ross, Karl A. (COE)

From: Ross, Karl A. (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2012 1:05 PM
To: Murawski, Michael P. (COE); Ramos, Miriam S. (COE)
Subject: K12-007 Miami-Dade Co. Sports Commission monitoring notes

Mike, Miriam

Anything else you want me to do with this or should I close it out? tnx

Elizabeth Gunn, director of Media & Community Relations
Miami-Dade County Sports Commission
Phone: (305) 819-2545
March 14, 2012

Ms. Gunn advised that she is not aware of any new issues having arisen with respect to the commission's Request for Opinion issued last June by COE's legal staff. She said the agency receives most of its funding from the county, with some support from sponsors. She advised that the executive director is the individual who lobbies on behalf of the agency, not any of its 46 board members. She said that Mike Sophia was, until recently, the commission's executive director, and that its acting director is Heather Kurstin. She said that a search committee is presently looking for a permanent executive director. She said that the commission has 12 appointed board members, including Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz. She said that, in addition to Diaz, one other Miami-Dade County commissioner is supposed to be appointed to the board by the BCC chairman, but that at present the appointment is pending and the board seat is vacant. She said that Diaz, as chairman, does receive complimentary tickets to some events – such as the Wrestlemania event scheduled for the end of the month – but that Diaz, as chairman, would attend in an official capacity. She also advised that elected officials are invited to the commission's Arts & Fashion Show. She said that the commission sponsors an array of other events, including power lifting.

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