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**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2006 1:31 PM  
**To:** Edmonson, Audrey (DIST3)  
**Subject:** Request for Opinion

Dear Commissioner Edmonson,

I am in receipt of your faxed Ethics Question, which was received in my office at 5:45 p.m. on January 18, 2005, and I wasn't able to respond until today due to the fact I was ill yesterday. You and I did converse in the afternoon of January 18<sup>th</sup> and I had a subsequent conversation with County Attorney Greenberg concerning your question.

Based on the information you gave me over the telephone and the facts contained in your fax, I understand that your spouse is employed by Maroone Automotive, a firm that is likely to be awarded a County contract. Your husband has a profit sharing compensation package with the firm and you wish to know whether in your role as a County Commissioner you can vote on this matter. Assuming that the County contract Maroone will enter into with Miami-Dade County will produce a profit for the company, it would be my position that you should not vote on this agenda item on account of the fact a financial benefit could accrue, either directly or indirectly, to your spouse. Furthermore, if you spouse were to receive a financial benefit from the award of this contract, then you would be considered a recipient of the financial benefit as well. Therefore, under this analysis, the prudent approach for you is to recuse yourself when this item is brought to the floor.

If you wish to discuss the above in more detail or have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director  
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

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# Fax

**To:** Mr. Robert Meyers **From:** Comm. Audrey M. Edmonson

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# Memo

**To:** Mr. Robert Meyers  
Executive Director, Commission on Ethics

**From:** Audrey M. Edmonson  
Commissioner, District 3



**Date:** January 18, 2006

**Re:** Ethics Question

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As per our conversation of this date, please advise if there is any potential conflict triggered by item 3-A-6 of the IMFR Agenda scheduled for January 19, 2006, given that my spouse has a profit sharing compensation package with Maroone Automotive, an awarded vendor in this item.