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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2007 2:13 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: Inquiry

I received a phone call from Chip Iglesias in Commissioner Gimenez's office and he has been asked to sit on a non-profit board that receives funding from the County and also receives funding from the commissioner's discretionary account. Mr. Iglesias' daughter is in the choir of this non-profit agency. He wishes to know whether a conflict of interest is created if he sits on the agency's board.

I advised Mr. Iglesias that no conflict of interest exists per se because he is not directly affected by any decision of the non-profit board. I reminded him that he should have nothing to do with recommending to Commissioner Gimenez which agencies receive discretionary funding. I also advised him that any substantial increase to this particular non-profit from the commissioner's discretionary account could be viewed suspiciously once he begins his service. Thus, I concluded there is no actual/legal conflict but he may want to rethink this from an appearances standpoint.

Robert Meyers
February 6, 2007