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TRQ 07-74

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2007 1:36 PM
To: 'jgarciacc5@bellsouth.net'
Subject: Your e-mail

Dear Mr. Garcia,

I inadvertently deleted your e-mail, but I made a hard copy of it and I will summarize your question before providing you with an answer. As the chairman and member of Community Council #5, you have been asked to serve on a board that oversees 10 Mater Charter schools in the area. You wish to know whether such board service constitutes a conflict of interest. Serving on a member of a charter school board does not create a conflict of interest under the county's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance. If, however, your council considers an application from one of these charter schools, you would be required to recuse yourself from such hearings. When you are acting in your non-zoning capacity, you can probably participate in discussions involving charter schools in general, but you should not participate in discussions that target those charter schools on whose board you serve.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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