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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2007 4:36 PM
To: Haage, Oriol (BCCO)
Subject: RE: Request for outside employment

Mr. Haage,

Based on the opinion handed down by the Ethics Commission, an employee who has three or more rental units must receive permission to engage in outside employment and must report such income earned from this endeavor by the filing deadline. The question that was presented to the Ethics Commission did not involve the owner of a triplex; however, there was some discussion about a person who owned property with multiple units, such as a duplex or an apartment building, and whether this should be counted as one unit. The Commission felt that the number of rental units was the critical consideration, not the number of properties owned. Therefore, if you are actively involved in renting out 3 or more properties (as opposed to being a passive investor), you need to adhere to abovementioned outside employment rules. The fact that you have not established a corporation for this purpose has no bearing on whether such activity is defined as outside employment.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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From: Haage, Oriol (BCCO)
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2007 8:07 AM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
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Mr. Meyers, I would like clarification on a memo that I recently received regarding rental properties. I have a triplex which I have owned for approximately 27 years. I do not have a corporation for this property which as I understand was one of the criteria by the Election department in consideration of outside employment status. A triplex does not fall under minimum housing due to the fact that it requires four or more units.

I understood that the memo stated 3 properties or more. A triplex is only one property which contains three units with one folio.

Your assistance in this clarification will be greatly appreciated.

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