

Meyers, Robert (COE)

JNQ 08-65

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2008 4:17 PM
To: 'Brian Beasley'
Subject: RE: Charter review committee.

Dear Vice Mayor Beasley:

You wish to know whether another city commissioner may recommend your real estate partner, friend and co-occupant of your home for a slot on the city's charter review committee. From the standpoint of the county's ethics ordinance, no conflict of interest is created for you if Mr. von Gundlach is appointed to the charter review committee. In order for a conflict to exist, you would have to financially benefit from this appointment or you would have to be uniquely affected by the appointment. I see nothing in this appointment that would lead me to conclude that you would receive a tangible benefit as a result of the appointment.

However, assuming the slate of candidates for the charter review committee is presented to the city commission for approval, I would recommend that you do not vote on the appointment of Mr. von Gundlach. I suggest that you ask the Clerk or the Mayor to bifurcate the process when the names are presented, in order for Mr. von Gundlach's appointment to be considered separately. You would be permitted to vote on the others and then leave the room when his name is considered.

If you wish to discuss the above, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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From: Brian Beasley [mailto:brianbeasley33@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2008 3:02 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: Charter review committee.

Mr. Meyers,

Our city is in the process of establishing a charter review committee. Oliver von Gundlach who is my real estate partner, friend, and co-occupant of our home is being sponsored by another commissioner for a position on this board.

Please advise as to any possible code or ethics violations to any sponsorship from another commissioner, as well as my ability to vote on his placement on the board.

Thanks very much for your continued assistance and guidance. I am looking forward to response

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Brian Beasley
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