

Meyers, Robert (COE)

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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2009 2:54 PM
To: 'Spain, Dona'; Hernandez, Elizabeth
Subject: RE: Ethics issues raised

Ms. Spain:

Thank you for the additional information.

I see a clear distinction between City projects and projects within Coral Gables, but keep in mind that projects within Coral Gables are still subject to City regulation. As long as your husband's work is limited to non-City projects, there is no conflict of interest for you in your capacity as Assistant City Manager. The departments that would most likely review the projects in which your husband has played some role do not report to you. If, by chance, one of these projects were to come before Historic Preservation or any of the other departments identified in your e-mail, I would recommend that you completely remove yourself from the decision-making process, unless you are performing a routine administrative function. You should not have any discretionary authority (directly or indirectly) over projects involving your husband's designs or renderings.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Thanks,

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From: Spain, Dona [mailto:dspain@coralgables.com]
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2009 11:54 AM
To: Hernandez, Elizabeth; Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: RE: Ethics issues raised

So sorry – I didn't see the e-mail.

My husband (we were married in February) is an architect that does consulting work on designs and also renderings for other architects. These are for projects that are in Coral Gables, but not City projects. My responsibilities do not include overseeing Building and Zoning, Public Works, Public Service, or Planning Departments where these projects would possible need to be reviewed.

Historic Preservation is the only regulatory department that reports to me.

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From: Hernandez, Elizabeth
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2009 11:43 AM
To: 'Meyers, Robert (COE)'; Spain, Dona

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Subject: RE: Ethics issues raised

has dona responded?

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From: Meyers, Robert (COE) [mailto:RMEYERS@miamidade.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2009 8:56 AM
To: Hernandez, Elizabeth
Subject: RE: Ethics issues raised

Liz:

You will have to fill me in as to the relevant facts. Could you or the employee provide me with more information about the possible conflict? Once I have this information, I will respond within 24 hours.

Thanks,

Robert

From: Hernandez, Elizabeth [mailto:ehernandez@coralgables.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2009 4:46 PM
To: Spain, Dona; Meyers, Robert (COE)
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Robert-have you been able to review?

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From: Hernandez, Elizabeth
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 3:49 PM
To: Spain, Dona; 'Meyers, Robert (COE)'
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both. right Robert?

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Thanks, Liz. You're speaking about City projects, right? Would this apply to private projects (single family homes, apartment buildings, commercial projects, etc.)?

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From: Hernandez, Elizabeth
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 3:25 PM
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i have discussed your concerns with robert meyers and he concurs that as to those projects which Mr. Spain provides services as a sub for, you should not have any oversight. i am waiting on a response from the state ethics commission general counsel and will advise as to the state restrictions.

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