

Meyers, Robert (COE)

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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2009 9:59 AM
To: Guerra-Macias, Lorena (DIST11)
Subject: RE: Golf Tournament

Dear Lorena:

I reviewed the attachments and find that the solicitation letter Commissioner Martinez wishes to send out to promote the golf tournament to raise funds for the Mom and Pop Small Business Grants Program is permissible under Section 2-11.1(2)(g). This section allows County Commissioners to solicit gifts on behalf of non-profit organizations provided there is no benefit to the Commissioner or the Commissioner's staff. Based on the letter, NANA is the non-profit organization identified which will be the beneficiary of the proceeds from the golf tournament. The ordinance requires that only non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status may receive funding from these solicitations. I suggest you verify that NANA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. One other caveat involves the manner in which Commissioner Martinez solicits potential donors. The appeal for donors should be as broad-based as possible and he should not simply target County vendors or others having a business relationship with the County.

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

Thanks,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: Guerra-Macias, Lorena (DIST11)
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2009 5:11 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: Golf Tournament

Mr. Meyers,

Please find attached the letter and brochure Esther spoke to you about today regarding the golf tournament Commissioner Martinez is organizing to raise funds for the Mom & Pop Small Business Grants Program.

I thank you in advance for taking the time to review them.

Regards,

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