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Via First Class Mail and email at sloyzelle@ymcamiami.org

Re: INQ 09-133, County Vendor Registration

Dear Ms. Loyzelle:

In a telephone conversation today with our staff, you discussed recent amendments you made to the county vendor application on behalf of the YMCA OF GREATER MIAMI, INC.

The application asks specifically about "principals" and "owners" of the company-vendor. Unlike for-profit corporations, the YMCA OF GREATER MIAMI, INC., is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that has no "principals" or "owners."

Under the County Code at §§ 2-11.1 (c) and (d), a conflict of interest is created when a commissioner holds a controlling financial interest in a vendor company. Although County Commissioner Natacha Seijas is employed by the YMCA OF GREATER MIAMI, INC., neither she (nor anyone else) is allowed under laws regulating nonprofit corporations to have a financial ownership interest in the nonprofit.

You may wish to amend your Vendor Registration Form at Question 11 (a) to indicate that as a nonprofit organization, the YMCA OF GREATER MIAMI, INC., has no owners or principals.

If any of the facts you have presented change, or if you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 305 579-2594.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT MEYERS
Executive Director

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- County Commissioner Natacha Seijas, fax to 305 375-2011
- Alfred Sanchez, CEO, YMCA OF GREATER MIAMI, INC., at asanchez@ymcamiami.org
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