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From: Jorge Garciga [garcigaj@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2009 4:15 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Cc: Coller, Craig (CAO); Triana, Marisol (DP&Z)
Subject: Re: Community Council 12- Jorge Luis Garciga

Thank you Mr. Meyers for your help.

Jorge

On Mon, Aug 17, 2009 at 11:56 AM, Meyers, Robert (COE) <RMEYERS@miamidade.gov> wrote:

Dear Councilman Garciga:

A voting conflict of interest does not exist in this situation. Elected officials are permitted to accept campaign contributions from individuals and/or corporations appearing before them without having to declare a conflict. The only cautionary note is to be certain that you can maintain your objectivity when hearing this application. If for some reason the campaign contribution from B & F Marine were to bias your thinking, then you should recuse yourself from this matter.

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

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director

Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: Jorge Garciga [mailto:garcigaj@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2009 10:21 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE); Coller, Craig (CAO)
Subject: Community Council 12- Jorge Luis Garciga

Mr. Coller and Mr. Myers,

8/18/2009

I hope all is well. I just had a quick question regarding a future zoning hearing.

On September 1st 2009, the Community Council 12 online agenda shows that we will have an application from B&F Marine presented in front of the board during our monthly zoning meeting. During my 2008 Campaign for Community Council 12, B&F Marine made a contribution to my campaign on 8-11-2008 in the amount of \$200.00. I would like to know if this situation calls for me to reclude myself from voting on that application.

Furthermore, I would like to know if council members should reclude themselves from voting on applications presented by attorneys/individuals/companies that have also made contributions to previous or current campaigns for public office.

Thank you for your help. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please feel free to call me if you have any further questions.

Respectfully,

Councilman Jorge Luis Garciga

Community Council 12- Kendall- Subarea 126

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