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Via First Class Mail and Email at [nikki@jaxi.com](mailto:nikki@jaxi.com)

**Re: INQ 09-51 Registering as a County Vendor**

Dear Mr. Ramirez:

In correspondence to our office on April 13, 2009, you said that you wish to register your company, JAXI BUILDERS, INC., as a County vendor.

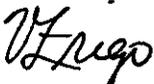
The facts as we understand them are as follows:

- You serve as a volunteer board member on the Miami-Dade County Unsafe Structures Advisory Board.
- JAXI BUILDERS, INC., is a business owned by you and in which you serve as President.
- JAXI BUILDERS, INC., is a general construction contractor.

It is the opinion of the Ethics Commission staff that JAXI BUILDERS, INC., may register to contract with the County as long as any contract does not interfere with the full and faithful discharge of your duties to the County. This includes the condition that you will not participate in determining the contract requirements or in awarding the contract. Additionally, none of your volunteer responsibilities will require you to be involved in the contract in any way including, but not limited to, its enforcement, oversight, administration, amendment, extension, termination, or forbearance. Finally, you may not volunteer on any County board that will enforce, oversee, or administer the contract. In particular, **as long as you are a board member with the Unsafe Structures Board, your company may not contract with the Unsafe Structures Board.**

If any of the facts you have presented change, or if you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 305 350-0601.

Sincerely,

  
VICTORIA FRIGO  
Staff Attorney