

Meyers, Robert (COE)

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2009 2:50 PM
To: Abolila, Esther (DIST11)
Subject: RE: Request for Opinion

Hi Esther:

I conferred with Gerald Sanchez and he indicated that the two of you spoke and you requested something in writing from me. As I see it, there are three issues to address:

- 1) The aide to Commissioner Martinez whose husband might be seeking a County contract should have no involvement whatsoever in this matter. If this item were presented to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration, it simply means the aide in question should not be included in office discussions or recommendations regarding this item.
- 2) If discussions become more serious and Mr. Macias attempts to influence County staff or County officials with respect to his product, he will need to register as a lobbyist.
- 3) I understand that cost savings to the County was the reason why Commissioner Martinez coordinated a meeting with the director of Public Works with his aide's husband, but in the future the Commissioner such refrain from such activities given the fact his staff member's husband is a possible beneficiary of these meetings.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Thanks,

Robert Meyers

From: Abolila, Esther (DIST11)
Sent: Friday, May 08, 2009 5:40 PM
To: Cuevas, Jr. R.A. (CAO); Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: Request for Opinion
Importance: High

Hi Gentleman,

Commissioner would like to request an opinion from both of you regarding the following. One of Commissioner's staff member's husband, Luis Macias, distributes LED Lights and met with the Commissioner to discuss the benefit of these specific lights to the County. Due to the potential costs savings, Commissioner coordinated a meeting with Esther Calas for product demonstration. Since Mr. Macias is married to a staff member he wants to know if there is a conflict. Please advise.

Thank you,

Esther Abolila
Chief of Staff
Commissioner Joe A. Martinez, District 11

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