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From: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2010 12:55 PM
To: 'paul@edcsouthdade.com'
Subject: Support of candidate for office (INQ 10-10)

Mr. Neidhart,

As we discussed today, your support of a local candidate for mayor of Palmetto Bay does not violate any ordinance within the County Ethics Code. You stated that you serve as treasurer for the candidate's campaign and that you have donated an in-kind gift to the candidate; currently, you are employed as Executive Director of a community-based nonprofit corporation (Economic Development Council of South Miami-Dade, Inc., formerly Perrine-Cutler Ridge Council), which receives funding from Miami-Dade County.

Nothing in the Ethics Code prevents individuals who are subject to the Code from supporting candidates for office. See, for example, Sec. 2-11.1 (g) of the County Code, Exploitation of Official Position. Typically, employees of nonprofit corporations are not subject to the Code unless required under a special arrangement entered into with the County.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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