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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2010 10:07 AM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: Inquiry

I received a call from Henry Sori in the County Manager's Office on February 10, 2010 and he inquired about use of the County Manager's name and title in connection with a tribute conference and dinner celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Florida Grand Opera's General Director and CEO. The County Manager will not attend the event nor will he make a donation to help underwrite the event. His name and title will be identified in the program. Miami-Dade County has provided the Florida Grand Opera with considerable funding over the years. For the most recent year, the County awarded over \$350,000 to the Florida Opera. In light of the County's commitment to the Florida Grand Opera and the arts in general, it does not amount to exploitation of official position for the county manager to lend his name and title to the event. The County Commission authorized the expenditure of public funds for this arts organization, and it is reasonable for the County Manager, as a high-ranking public official in Miami-Dade, to use his title to express the County's continued support of the Florida Grand Opera and its CEO.

Robert Meyers
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