

Meyers, Robert (COE)

INQ 10-126

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Friday, July 09, 2010 3:29 PM
To: Pons, Jose (HFA)
Subject: RE: House sale disclosure

Mr. Pons:

Thank you for responding to my questions. If the purchaser of your home decides to seek an HFA bond mortgage, which according to you is processed by private lenders, or if the purchase utilizes programs offered by other departments, you have no conflict of interest. If the purchaser were to avail himself of a program which is handled within your department, then you must have no involvement with this matter whatsoever. As long as you are removed from the process (assuming the purchaser selected a program within HFA), no conflict of interest exists.

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: Pons, Jose (HFA)
Sent: Tuesday, July 06, 2010 4:18 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Cc: Braynon, Patricia (HFA)
Subject: RE: House sale disclosure

Mr. Meyers,

Thank you for your quick response. Below I have tried to answer your questions:

1. Mr. Meyers - ... "I can give you an opinion once you clarify your second point: HFA's programs and services do not include the processing of documentation for other County programs/departments. What do you mean by this? "

Response - I refer to other County departments that, independently from HFA, may offer assistance to homebuyers. The HFA does not physically process homebuyers request for assistance (such as taking an application, requesting borrower documentation, etc.) for other County departments (example: CAA, HCD, PHA, HT, etc).

2. Mr. Meyers - ... "Also, when you state the purchaser may decide to apply for other type of County assistance, is this processed through County HFA?"

Response - I refer to homebuyer's assistance programs that may be offered by other County Departments (example: CAA, HCD, PHA, HT, etc.) that are not processed by the HFA.

I hope the above clarifies your concerns. Please let me know. Thank you,
 Jose Pons

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)

7/9/2010

Sent: Friday, June 25, 2010 10:55 AM
To: Pons, Jose (HFA)
Subject: RE: House sale disclosure

Mr. Pons:

Thank you for submitting a request for opinion. I can give you an opinion once you clarify your second point: HFA's programs and services do not include the processing of documentation for other County programs/departments. What do you mean by this? Also, when you state the purchaser may decide to apply for other type of County assistance, is this processed through County HFA?

Once I hear back from you, I should be able to issue an opinion within 24 hours.

Thanks,

Robert Meyers

From: Pons, Jose (HFA)
Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2010 4:45 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Cc: Braynon, Patricia (HFA)
Subject: House sale disclosure

Mr. Meyers,

I am submitting this request to determine if there is a conflict of interest should a purchaser of my home decide to apply for an HFA bond mortgage or other type of County assistance.

For your information:

1. HFA's bond mortgages are processed by private lenders without the intervention of HFA staff.
2. HFA's programs and services do not include the processing of documentation for other County programs/departments.

Please let know the result of your consideration at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,

Jose A. Pons

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