

Meyers, Robert (COE)

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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 11:40 AM
To: Sosa, Rebeca (DIST6)
Cc: Sanchez, Gerald (CAO)
Subject: Ethics Question

Dear Commissioner Sosa:

Gerald Sanchez conferred with me about your use of your discretionary funds to pay for a trip to Washington, D.C. in January of 2011 and he indicated that you would appreciate a written response to your question. As it was explained to me, you are planning to visit Washington, D.C. in January in your official capacity as chair of the County's State Intergovernmental Affairs Committee – a subcommittee of one of the County's standing committees. Much of your trip will involve meetings with various elected officials and you wish to know whether you can attend the swearing in ceremony for Senator-elect Marco Rubio during your visit. As I see it, there is a public purpose for your travel to Washington D.C., as you will be engaged in activities as the chair of the intergovernmental affairs subcommittee which are consistent with these duties. Therefore, I am of the opinion that you may spend office funds to cover the costs of your travel.

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