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Cc: Centorino, Joseph (COE); Fortner, Gregg (PHCD)
Subject: Prohibition on becoming a Section 8 landlord (INQ 13-05)

Ms. Paredes,

As we discussed today, you and your husband are prohibited from contracting with the County to become Section 8 landlords. This is because you work for the Contract Administrative Division of the Public Housing and Community Development Agency. The Contract Administrative Division manages Section 8 programs, including the Housing Choice Voucher Program that deals with private landlords.

Although you do not personally work with the Housing Choice Voucher Program, the County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (c)(2) specifically prohibits County employees from contracting with the division that employs them. In your case, this means that you are prohibited because you are employed in the Contract Administrative Division. You are not prohibited from contracting through a city-administered Section 8 program.

The fact that a private contractor, Florida Quadel, is administering the voucher program is not relevant to this opinion.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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To: Frigo, Victoria (COE)

Cc: Rafael Jimenez

Subject: Commission on Ethics Approval

Good Afternoon Ms. Frigo

My name is Maria Paredes, I'm a County Employee with the Public Housing and Community Development Agency Contract Administration Division Department Special Programs, and I work with the Moderate

Rehabilitation Program as a Housing Specialist and would like to have information in becoming a Section 8 Landlord.

My husband and I purchase a property and listed thru Section 8 Hialeah Housing but the prospective tenant is a Housing Voucher holder with the county (my agency). It's my understanding that county employees need to request approval from the ethic committee before becoming landlords but my question is that if the Housing Voucher Program for Public Housing is being administered by a private contractor (Florida Quadel), not my department, can I rent my property to this person? I do not have any kind of access to these files nor the computer information or any contact with the employees from Florida Quadel.

I print out the form to become a landlord but is not very clear to me. Can you please let me know if I will not have any problem and can be approved?

I appreciate any information you can give me. Thank you in advance. You can contact me at (786) 859-2317 or at work (786) 469-4212

Maria Paredes