From: Centorino, Joseph (COE) **Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2015 1:25 PM

To: Castro, Vivian (DIST6); Aguirre, Betty (DIST6); Fernandez, Alejandro J. (DIST6)

Cc: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE); Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)

Subject: INQ 15-109 Commissioner Rebeca Sosa (Voting Conflct)

Attachments: 151108.pdf

Ms. Castro,

You have inquired on behalf of Commissioner Rebeca Sosa regarding whether she has a voting conflict of interest under Section 2-11.1(d) of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance in participating and voting on Item 151108, a Resolution approving the Joint Use Agreement between Miami-Dade County and the School Board of Miami-Dade County, which on June 9, 2015 will come before the Strategic Planning and Government Operations Committee on which Commissioner Sosa sits. The item in question is for a least by Miami-Dade County of property owned by the School board for recreational and/or educational purposes. The request is made in view of Commissioner Sosa's fulltime employment with the Miami-Dade Public Schools at the Lindsey-Hopkins Technical Education Center.

Inasmuch as the School Board is a governmental agency rather than a business entity, and because the item in questions will not profit or enhance Commissioner Sosa either personally or professionally, involving as it does the leasing of property which does not affect either Commissioner Sosa's personal interests or her position with the School Board, I have concluded that Commissioner Sosa does not have a conflict under Section 2-11.1(d) of the Code. Therefore, she may vote on or participate in the discussion of Item 1151108 when it comes before the Committee, as well as when it comes before the BCC, should that occur.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Centorino
Executive Director and General Counsel
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: Castro, Vivian (DIST6)

Sent: Friday, June 05, 2015 1:04 PM

To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)

Cc: Aguirre, Betty (DIST6); Fernandez, Alejandro J. (DIST6)

Subject: Request for Conflict of Interest Opinion for Item No. 151108: Resolution approving Joint Use Agreemetn

between Miami Dade County and the School Board of Miami Dade County

Good afternoon, Mr. Centorino:

Item 151108 (Resolution approving the Joint Use Agreement between Miami-Dade County and the School Board of Miami-Dade County) will be heard at the June 9, 2015, Strategic Planning and Government Operations Committee (SPAGO). Commissioner Sosa sits on this committee and would like to ascertain whether or not she has a voting conflict. For your convenience, the item is attached.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Kind regards,

Vivian

Vivian Castro Legislative Director Office of Commissioner Rebeca Sosa