
INQ 15-281 Sosa

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Subject: INQ 15-281 Rebeca Sosa, Miami-Dade County Commissioner, District 6 (Voting Conflict)

Ms. Castro:

You have inquired on behalf of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa (District 6) regarding whether she would have a prohibited 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 3B1 on the December 15, 2015 BCC agenda. This item is a Resolution authorizing a cooperative agreement with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools for Project VICTORY, a unique

Business-led transition program designed to provide work skills and employment training to young adults with disabilities. The host site for this program will be the Miami-Dade Aviation Department at MIA, which is located within District 6. This question is being asked in light of Commissioner Sosa's full-time position with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, at Lindsey Hopkins Technical Center, as curriculum/program facilitator for services related to the county-wide South Florida Workforce one-stop delivery system.

Since MDCPS is a governmental agency, it has not been considered in our previous opinions as an entity creating an automatic conflict for its employees who serve on elected boards in other governmental agencies that consider matters affecting it. It is my understanding that it is not anticipated that this program will have any impact on Commissioner Sosa's employment with MDCPS, and that she would not profit or be enhanced by the adoption of the Resolution.

Accordingly, it is my opinion that there is no prohibited conflict that would prevent Commissioner Sosa from participating and voting on the measure.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Conflict of interest opinion on BCC agenda item 3B1 on the December 15, 2015 agenda

Good afternoon, Mr. Centorino:

Commissioner Sosa is respectfully requesting your opinion on whether or not she has a conflict of interest on item 3B1 appearing on the December 15, 2015, Board of County Commissioners' agenda. For your convenience, I have attached a copy of the item.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

May you have a nice weekend,

Vivian

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