
INQ 16-167 Zapata

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Subject: INQ 16-167 Commissioner Juan Zapata, Miami-Dade County District 11 (Voting Conflict Procedures)

Kiel,

This will confirm our conversation regarding whether Commissioner Juan Zapata needs to do anything other than file the requisite State disclosure Form 8B following his recusal due to a voting conflict to be in compliance with Section 2-11.1(d) of the County Ethics Code. Based upon the recent ordinance change sponsored by Commissioner Levine Cava, the County Code requirement regarding the procedure following a voting conflict recusal by an elected official now includes the State requirement for announcing the conflict in advance and disclosing it also in a filed form within 15 days of the vote. It is sufficient that Commissioner Zapata file the Form 8B with the Clerk of the Board. There is no other form required under County Ordinance.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Commissioner Zapata Voting Conflict Filing

Good Evening Joe,

I called your office earlier today and left a message, but I wanted to follow up via email given the time sensitive nature of the matter. Commissioner Zapata abstained from four (4) votes – two (2) at each of the last two BCC meeting due to a conflict involving a business relationship.

The appropriate statements were read and the Commissioner recused himself as required, but I am unsure as to the proper procedure for filing the written disclosure now required by the ordinance. I had the Commissioner fill out and sign the State of Florida “CE Form 8B”.

Is there another form for the County he should fill out instead? What are the appropriate methods of filing the disclosure?

Thank you for your help,

Kiel Green
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