## Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)

From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)

Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2016 9:42 AM

**To:** Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)

Subject: FW: Sophie Harris, Secretary, Environmental Resources Management, Miami-Dade

County Dept. of Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER) (Gifts) INQ 16-202

## INQ 16-202 Harris

From: Harris, Sophie (RER)

**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2016 3:40 PM **To:** Ethics (COE) <ethics@miamidade.gov>

Cc: Turay, Radia (COE) < Radia.Turay@miamidade.gov >; Perez, Martha D. (COE) < perezmd@miamidade.gov >; Diaz-

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Subject: RE: INQ 16-202 Sophie Harris, Secretary, Environmental Resources Management, Miami-Dade County Dept. of

Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER) (Gifts)

Thank you Mr. Centorino.

Thank you,

**Sophie Harris**, Secretary

**Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources** 

Environmental Resources Management

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From: Ethics (COE)

**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2016 3:25 PM

**To:** Harris, Sophie (RER)

Cc: Turay, Radia (COE); Perez, Martha D. (COE); Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)

Subject: INQ 16-202 Sophie Harris, Secretary, Environmental Resources Management, Miami-Dade County Dept. of

Regulatory and Economic Resources (RER) (Gifts)

Ms. Harris:

You have inquired whether, in your capacity as a Secretary in Environmental Resources Management Division of the Miami-Dade County Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, you may accept a wedding invitation from an individual (the prospective bride), who serves as an Administrative Assistant for MCO Environmental, Inc., a construction company whose representative periodically comes in to submit 10-day Notifications, Affidavits and Asbestos. Reports to your section.

It is my assumption, for the purposes of this opinion, that you are acquainted personally with the individual extending to you the invitation, and that the invitation is unrelated to any business that is pending before your agency by MCO. Under these circumstances the wedding invitation would not be considered a gift to you since it is customary for

individuals to be invited to attend such functions without paying any entry fee, and any gratuitous wedding present that you may present to her is on a personal basis and unconnected to any business being transacted with the County. No gift disclosure need be made by you in connection with accepting the wedding invitation. There is no prohibition under the Miami-Dade Ethics Code to your attending this event.

Sincerely, Joe Centorino

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From: Harris, Sophie (RER)

**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2016 3:05 PM **To:** Ethics (COE) <<u>ethics@miamidade.gov</u>>

**Subject:** Wedding Invitation

Good afternoon,

I was invited to a wedding and I want to make sure it's not a conflict of interest to attend.

The young lady who is getting married is a Administrative Assistant for the Construction Company MCO Environmental, Inc.

An representative from this company periodically comes in to submit 10 Day Notifications, Affidavits and Asbestos Reports to our section.

Thank you,

Sophie Harris, Secretary

Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources

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