

Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)

From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2016 4:42 PM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: Gerald Sanchez, Assistant County Attorney, Miami-Dade County (Exploitation) INQ 16-240

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From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2016 6:16 PM
To: Turay, Radia (COE); Perez, Martha D. (COE); Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Subject: INQ 16-240 Gerald Sanchez, Assistant County Attorney, Miami-Dade County (Exploitation)

Gerald Sanchez, Miami-Dade Assistant County Attorney, inquired as to whether it would be appropriate for a County Commissioner to place an opinion piece regarding an upcoming referendum issue from the Miami Herald on the Commissioner's government facebook page. The piece in question involves an issue and is not directed at any political candidate. There is no expenditure of public funds that will occur in connection with the posting of the item on the facebook page. I informed Mr. Sanchez that, while it might well constitute an Exploitation of Official Position under Section 2-11.1(g) of the Ethics Code for a public official to use public resources to promote or oppose anyone's political candidacy, there is no such prohibition attached to the expression of views or opinions on issues, where there is no expenditure of public funds or resources involved.

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