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Sent: Monday, June 25, 2018 10:00 AM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: INQ 18-153, Hellen Brown, Section Supervisor, Miami-Dade Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (Community Councils, Transacting Business with the County)

INQ 18-153 Brown
With addendum

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Subject: INQ 18-153, Hellen Brown, Section Supervisor, Miami-Dade Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources (Community Councils, Transacting Business with the County)

Good morning Helen:

I wasn't sure if the Community Council member addressed below who became employed at MDPD was elected or appointed. Miami Dade Code Section 20-43(A)(1)(which is separate from the County Ethics Code), prohibits elected Community Council members from being employed by Miami-Dade County and Miami Dade Code Section 20-43(B)(1) prohibits appointed Community Council members from being employed by Miami-Dade County. Similarly, the County Charter addresses both elected and appointed members.

Hope that helps. With respect to the Section 8 landlord issues. We are researching it and plan to bring it to the Commission for the July 11th meeting.

I'll keep you posted on the result.

Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Regards,

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Good morning Ms. Diaz-Greco,

Please be informed that the Mr. Matthew Larsh the member who took a position as an MDPD police office was appointed.

Also, please note that Mr. Javier Gonzales-Abreu, the member who is interested in Section 8 Housing contracts from the county has resigned. I spoke with him late last week and he indicated he resigned as he was desirous of bidding on Section 8 housing contracts now.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or comments. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Brown:

It was a pleasure to speak with you over the phone. You inquired whether a County employee may also serve as a Community Council member and whether a Community Council member may contract with the County as a Section 8 landlord.

You advise that one of the members of Community Council 12 was recently employed as a police officer in the Miami-Dade County Police Department (MDPD). Subsequently, he resigned his position as a Community Council member in Council 12. Miami Dade Charter Article 1, § 1.05, and Miami Dade Code Section 20-43(A)(1)(which are separate from the County Ethics Code), prohibit Community Council members from being employed by Miami-Dade County. Therefore, the member employed by MDPD acted within the scope of County ordinances by resigning from his Community Council position after he was hired by MDPD.

You also advise that another Community Council 12 member is seeking to contract with the Miami-Dade County Public Housing and Community Development department as a Section 8 Landlord. Generally, the County Ethics Code includes certain limitations on public officers conducting business with the County. Miami Dade Code §2-11.1(c). With respect to Community Council members contracting with the County as Section 8 landlords, the Commission on Ethics previously determined in a formal opinion (RQO 02-04, attached) that Community Council members cannot contract with the County as Section 8 landlords. However, the opinion does not address whether contracting as a Section 8 landlord would be permitted if the property in question is located outside of the Community Council's jurisdiction as is the case here. We are researching this matter and are planning to present it to the Commission at our July 11th meeting for them to opine on this distinction. We will advise you of the Commission's determination.

Please contact us if you have any further questions.

Regards,

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Subject: Community Council Member Section 8 Housing

Hi Ms. Diaz-Greco

I was speaking with the Chair for Community Council 12 he informed me that one of the members on the council was informed by the Ethics Commission that he cannot serve on the council if he seeking Section 8 Housing Contracts. Just checking if this is true? Or if an opinion has been given to him? We are trying to schedule a meeting and are in need to determine how many we need for a quorum. Another member had to resign as he took as position with MDPD. Thank you for your assistance!

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