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Subject: INQ 18-223, Commissioner Rebeca Sosa (District 6) (Conflict of Interest Opinion)

INQ 18-223 Sosa

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For logging purposes. Thank you. Jose

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Dear Mr. Fernandez:

Greetings and thank you for seeking guidance from the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust on behalf of County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa (District 6) regarding an upcoming vote of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). You have specifically inquired whether Commissioner Sosa would have a voting conflict of interest under Section 2-11.1(d) of the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code, in voting or otherwise participating in Item No. 182254, scheduled to be heard on the agenda for tomorrow's BCC meeting.

The item consists of a resolution directing the County Mayor to examine the feasibility of partnering with non-profit or other private organizations, including Miami-Dade County Public Schools, to develop soccer fields for the county's youth, especially in economically disadvantaged, culturally diverse, and distressed areas.

Your inquiry is predicated on the fact that Commissioner Sosa is employed as Curriculum/Program Facilitator at Lindsey Hopkins Technical Center, an adult educational facility, which is part of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS).

In the past, the Commission on Ethics has opined that Commissioner Sosa's employment with MDCPS does not create an automatic voting or participation conflict for her on BCC items affecting that government agency. The issue of a voting conflict on such matters is more narrowly described as whether Commissioner Sosa might, directly or indirectly, profit or be enhanced by the item in question. Our review of Item #182254 did not present any likelihood that Commissioner Sosa would, personally or professionally, be affected in any way by the item. More specifically, Commissioner Sosa's position with the public schools at an *adult* educational facility would not be affected by the adoption of this resolution which seeks to examine the feasibility of partnering with MDCPS to develop soccer fields for the County's *youth*, and she would not profit or be enhanced personally in any way in the event this resolution is passed and the partnership ensues.

Under the details provided to me concerning this program, I do not believe that Commissioner Sosa would profit or be enhanced by the program, and, therefore, I do not believe that she is not prohibited under Section 2-11.1(d) from participating or voting on this item.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Conflict of Interest Opinion for item 182254

Good afternoon, Mr. Arrojo:

I hope this email finds you well. As a follow up to our telephone conversation moments ago, I write to you on behalf of Commissioner Rebeca Sosa regarding item # 182254 which appears on the agenda for tomorrow's Board of County Commissioners meeting. As you will notice, the item, in part, directs the Mayor to examine the feasibility of partnering with Miami-Dade County Public Schools for the development of soccer fields for use by economically disadvantaged youth. We would appreciate your opinion as to whether or not a voting conflict would exist. For your convenience, I have attached the item to this email.

Many thanks in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,
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