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**From:** Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 9:39 AM  
**To:** Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)  
**Subject:** Rebeca Sosa, Miami-Dade County Commissioner (DIST6) (Voting Conflict) INQ 18-68  
**Attachments:** Gun Education Resolution.docx

INQ 18-68 Sosa

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Sent: Friday, March 23, 2018 3:09 PM  
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Subject: INQ 18-68 Rebeca Sosa, Miami-Dade County Commissioner (DIST6) (Voting Conflict)

Ms. Castro,

You have inquired on behalf of County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa (DIST6) regarding whether Commissioner Sosa would have a voting conflict of interest under Section 2-11.1(d) of the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code in sponsoring and voting on a resolution that would direct the Mayor or his designee to establish an enhanced gun safety program for school-aged children in public and private schools in the County through existing gun safety programs conducted by the Miami-Dade Police Department. This question is asked in light of Commissioner Sosa's full-time position with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, serving as curriculum/program facilitator for services related to the countywide South Florida Workforce one-stop delivery system at Lindsey-Hopkins Technical Education Center, an adult education facility.

As an employee of a governmental entity, Commissioner Sosa is not automatically disqualified from participating in an item that would affect the governmental entity, Miami-Dade County Public Schools. It is my understanding that Commissioner Sosa's position in the public schools at an adult education facility would not be affected by the adoption of this resolution establishing a program for school-aged children, and that she would not profit or be enhanced personally in any way in the event that this resolution is passed and the program it promotes becomes a reality. Therefore, it is my opinion that there is no voting conflict of interest involved in Commissioner Sosa's sponsoring, participating in and voting on this matter when it comes before the County Commission.

Sincerely,

Joe Centorino

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From: Castro, Vivian (DIST6)

Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2018 5:07 PM

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Subject: Conflict of Interest Opinion: Commissioner Sosa resolution: children: guns: in the home: educational program: partner with schools

My apologies. Please refer to the attached resolution.

Thank you,

Vivian

Vivian Castro

Legislative Director

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

Agenda Item No.

Veto \_\_\_\_\_

Override \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ESTABLISH AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN THAT FOCUSES ON GUN SAFETY OR INTEGRATES ENHANCED GUN SAFETY EDUCATION INTO THE CURRICULA OF EXISTING PROGRAMS THAT MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS; AND PROVIDE A REPORT

**WHEREAS**, gun violence, including mass shootings such as the February 14, 2018 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Broward County, is a crisis plaguing the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, gun violence is a problem of particular concern in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, in December 2017 alone, a 2-year old, three 16-year olds, and a 17-year old were fatally shot while several other teenagers were wounded in other gun violence incidents in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous other gun-related homicides have claimed the lives or seriously injured County residents, including a recent spate of gun violence incidents in late 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, there were 187 gun-related homicides reported in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, more than 30 minors were killed by gun violence in Miami-Dade County, an increase from 20 such deaths in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, according to the *Miami Herald*, more than 500 non-fatal shootings occurred in Miami-Dade County in 2016, which is slightly higher than the number the year before; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, there were 5,601 reported crimes involving a firearm in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, the causes of gun violence in Miami-Dade County need to be explored, with an eye towards possible solutions that will adequately protect our community; and

**WHEREAS**, one such possible solution is educating school-aged children about gun safety; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade Police Department offers two educational programs that include a gun safety component; and

**WHEREAS**, specifically, the Gun Bounty Unit has an educational component that is directed towards educating elementary school-aged children, between the ages of five and 11 and the Community Education Unit offers a short presentation on gun safety directed at young children, between the ages of four and eight; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of how gun violence intersects the lives of many older youth in the County, it would be beneficial to expand the reach of the Miami-Dade Police Department's gun safety education to offer such programs to said youth; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to address and curtail youth gun violence in Miami-Dade County, this Board supports additional educational programs for all school-aged children,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board:

**Section 1.** Approves the foregoing recitals, which are incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 2.** Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to establish an educational program for school-aged children that focuses on gun safety or integrates enhanced

gun safety education into the curricula of existing programs that Miami-Dade Police Department provides in public and private schools.

**Section 3.** Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to provide a report to this Board pertaining to the provision of the educational program identified in Section 2 above by Miami-Dade Police Department. Pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65, the completed report shall be placed on an agenda of the Board within 60 days of the effective date of this resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa

. It was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Chairman	
Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Sally A. Heyman
Barbara J. Jordan	Joe A. Martinez
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Rebeca Sosa	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency. \_\_\_\_\_

Shanika A. Graves