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From: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2011 12:06 PM
To: Forte, Jorge (DIST13)
Cc: Centorino, Joseph (COE); Sanchez, Gerald (CAO)
Subject: RE: Board Appointment Inquiry

Mr. Forte,

You asked about ethics issues related to simultaneous service as an MDX board member and as Chief of Staff to County Commissioner Esteban Bovo.

The County Ethics Code does not address your concerns specifically, but we advise you in general to avoid appearances of impropriety if matters involving the MDX come before you and Commissioner Bovo.

Your question may be more germane under state law. Therefore, you may wish to ask for an ethics opinion from the State Ethics Commission. At issue is whether your simultaneous service would create a continuing or frequently recurring conflict between your private interests and the performance of your public duties that could possibly impede the full and faithful discharge of your public duties. *See Fla. Stat. at 112.313 (7)(a) (2011).*

If you have additional questions regarding the County Ethics Code, please feel free to contact our Executive Director, Joe Centorino, or me at my direct number below.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Friday, November 04, 2011 10:30 AM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Cc: Forte, Jorge (DIST13)
Subject: FW: Board Appointment Inquiry
Importance: High

Joe,

As discussed, please find attached a request for an ethics opinion from Jorge Forte. Thank you.

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From: Forte, Jorge (DIST13)
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To: Sanchez, Gerald (CAO)
Subject: Board Appointment Inquiry
Importance: High

Gerald,

As per our conversation, I would like to inquire if a conflict exist that would prohibit myself from applying and/ or serving on the MDX board. If it is determined that I am able to serve on the board, please provide a specific list of situations or County meetings that I should refrain myself from involvement. I appreciate your time and attention to this matter and request that a response is provided on my inquiry at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Jorge Forte

Chief of Staff

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