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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 3:21 PM
To: Sosa, Rebeca (DIST6)
Cc: Sanchez, Gerald (CAO); Marante, Roly (DIST6)
Subject: Your Query

Dear Commissioner Sosa:

Hope you are doing well. According to my conversations with Gerald Sanchez, I understand that you have several conflict of interest questions relating to two items on the agenda of the April 13, 2011 Economic Development and Social Services Committee meeting. Specifically, items 2A and 2A substitute are resolutions proposing Miami-Dade County and Miami-Dade Public Schools review the feasibility of delegating the County's Head Start slots to the Miami-Dade Public Schools. As chair of the Economic Development and Social Services Committee, you wish to know whether you may chair the discussion of these items, vote on the items and possibly co-sponsor either of these resolutions due to your employment in the Miami-Dade Public Schools.

In order for a voting conflict to exist, you must be directly or indirectly affected by the action of your committee. In the instant case, you are clearly not directly affected by the actions of your committee with respect to these items. Moreover, any possible indirect affect or benefit to you as an employee of the School District is too remote to create a voting conflict for you. Therefore, you would not have to relinquish the chair when these items are brought forward; you may participate in discussions and vote on the items, and you may be listed as one of the co-sponsors, if you so desire.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

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