

Frigo, Victoria (COE)

From: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2012 12:20 PM
To: Fortner, Gregg (PHCD); Crawford, Rowena (PHCD)
Cc: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Subject: Mendez 2nd mortgage (INQ 12-70)

Mr. Fortner,

The County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (c)(5)(5) allows Jenna Mendez, the daughter of Commissioner Lynda Bell, to enter into a contract with the PHCD to obtain a second mortgage subsidy.

Specifically, the Code states that all County persons, including County Commissioners, and their immediate family members may participate in programs administered by the Housing Agency "who would but for this section be eligible for such assistance," provided that the County person does not administer the program.

Because Ms. Mendez qualifies for the second mortgage subsidy program and her mother does not administer the program, Ms. Mendez may contract with the department for the second mortgage subsidy.

If we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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From: Fortner, Gregg (PHCD)
Sent: Friday, April 06, 2012 10:26 AM
To: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Subject: FW: Opinion Request

Hi Victoria. Let me know if you have any difficulty getting info from staff...

From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 4:25 PM
To: Fortner, Gregg (PHCD)
Cc: Crawford, Rowena (PHCD)
Subject: RE: Opinion Request

Mr. Fortner,

This matter has been referred to Victoria Frigo, our Staff Attorney, for response.

From: Fortner, Gregg (PHCD)
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 2:41 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Cc: Crawford, Rowena (PHCD)
Subject: Opinion Request

Mr. Centorino:

Per our phone conversation yesterday, Miami-Dade County Public Housing and Community Development (PHCD) is in the process of finalizing a second mortgage subsidy request for a close relative of a member of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). In accordance with Miami-Dade County "Conflict of Interest" policy, PHCD is requesting an opinion as to whether or not a conflict of interest exists. An opinion was previously requested from the Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office who referred PHCD to the Commission on Ethics.

During the application process, Jenna Mendez, disclosed she is the daughter of Lynda Bell. Please contact Rowena Crawford, PHCD Assistant Director, for any additional information you may require. Her phone contact info is (786) 469-2237 and her email is cc'd on this transmission.

Your assistance is appreciated in expediting this review.

Thanks.....Gregg