
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: FILE
FROM: VICTORIA FRIGO
SUBJECT: INQ 13-43
DATE: FEBRUARY 21, 2013

I advised Jason Walker, Village Manager in the Village of El Portal, that the Ethics Code did not prohibit him from hiring a part-time employee who is also employed part-time at a local preschool owned by a village council member, based on the facts he presented.

Mr. Walker stated that the council member who runs the preschool was not initially aware of his intent to hire this applicant, and she did not in any way suggest the hiring of this applicant. The government work that the part-time employee will perform will not place her in any situations in which she might benefit her private preschool employer. In a resolution passed by the Village Council, the manager has been authorized to choose a part-time employee at his discretion. Of all the candidates who applied for the job, the manager believes that the individual he has chosen is the best person to fill the position.

Based on these facts, there is no evidence of exploitation of official position prohibited in the County Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (g).