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**From:** Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2014 2:54 PM  
**To:** Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)  
**Subject:** FW: INQ - Rebeca Sosa, Chair, MDCC (Exploitation)

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**From:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2014 10:36 AM  
**To:** Aguirre, Betty (Office of the Chair)  
**Cc:** Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE); Sanchez, Gerald (CAO)  
**Subject:** INQ - Rebeca Sosa, Chair, MDCC (Exploitation)

Ms. Aguirre:

You have inquired on behalf of Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa regarding whether she may install an application on her county-issued mobile device that would allow her to access a live video feed of security cameras at her home. Chairwoman Sosa paid personally to have the cameras installed in response to recent vandalism of her vehicle and her receipt of intimidating notes posted on her private property regarding county matters in which she has participated and voted.

It is my opinion that the installation of the application on her government cell phone would not be prohibited under the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance. Specifically, it would not violate Section 2-11.1(g), which prohibits the exploitation of one's official position to secure special privileges or exemptions which are not otherwise permitted by ordinance or resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.

Chairwoman Sosa is not seeking in any way to obtain any inappropriate personal benefit or advantage from this action. As a county commissioner, she is on duty 24 hours every day, seven days a week. Activities have taken place in the vicinity of her home that raise a reasonable concern on her part for her personal safety and property, arising out of and directly related to her actions as a public official. She is permitted to take reasonable steps for her own protection, that of her family and her property in response to those actions. Her installation of the application on a county-issued device would not be inconsistent with her public role and her responsibilities to the public. It would not create any significant burden or expense to the public, but, moreover, would serve to secure and protect her in the performance of her public duties.

Therefore, I would advise her that she may proceed in having the application installed.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Centorino  
Executive Director and General Counsel  
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

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**From:** Aguirre, Betty (Office of the Chair)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2014 10:01 AM  
**To:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Subject:** FW:

Mr. Centorino,

I am writing to you in order to seek your opinion on whether or not Chairwoman Sosa may install an application on her county issued mobile device that would allow her to access a live video feed of security cameras she paid to have installed at her home. Chairwoman Sosa feels that this added security measure is necessary following recent attempts to vandalize her vehicle and coerce her opinion on various issues that may require her vote via intimidating notes left on her door.

Your response is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

**Betty Aguirre**

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