
Subject: INQ 14-154 - Esteban Bovo, Miami-Dade County Commissioner - Ethics Opinion -
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Mr. Annunziato:

You have inquired on behalf of Commissioner Esteban Bovo regarding whether a newly-appointed commission aide to Commissioner Bovo, Daisy Castellanos, may continue to serve as a member of the City of Hialeah's quasi-judicial planning and zoning board.

Inasmuch as a Commission aide is not considered to be a county officer, Ms. Castellanos would not be required to resign her position pursuant to Section 99.012, Florida Statutes. Additionally, there is no provision of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance that would prevent her from serving in both position.

As a general matter, I would advise that she avoid dealing in her county position with any issue that could foreseeably come before her as a member of the Hialeah Board, in order to avoid possible Jennings rule violations, Conflicting Employment under Section 2-11.1(j) or any appearance of impropriety.

Sincerely,

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From: Annunziato, Alex C. (DIST13)
Sent: Friday, June 20, 2014 12:51 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Subject: Inquiry - prospective employee - service on quasi judicial land use board

Good afternoon,

Commissioner Bovo has decided to offer Ms. Daisy Castellanos employment with our office as a commission aide. Ms. Castellanos currently serves on the City of Hialeah's quasi-judicial planning and zoning board. The commissioner would like your office to opine as to whether her continued service on this board would prohibit her employment with Miami-Dade County. Ms. Castellanos has indicated that she is willing to resign her position with the zoning board if necessary. Please feel free to contact me with any question regarding this inquiry.

Regards,

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