From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2014 3:42 PM

To:Caballero, Alisa L (PHCD)Subject:Ethics Opinion INQ 14-82

Ms. Caballero,

You have inquired whether Jevon Joseph, the son of Ms. Heidi Davis a non–County temporary employee employed with the department's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is restricted from applying for a PHCD loan program called the Beautification Program. *See* Section 2-11.1 (c)(5),(6). Ms. Davis does not have any involvement with the decision making process for the Beautification program.

Given that Ms. Davis is a non-County temporary employee and the County Ethics Code does not extend to non-county temporary employees or their relatives, there would be no restriction for Mr. Jevon Jones, Ms. Davis's son, to apply for the PHCD Beautification program.

We note that Jevon Joseph's wife is a full-time County employee currently employed at WASD. A separate letter will be sent explaining any restrictions Mr. Joseph may have in contracting with the County due to his wife's County employment.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we may be of further assistance.

Best regards,

Gilma (Mimi) Diaz-Greco Staff Attorney



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From: Jones, Corey D. (CAHSD)

**Sent:** Thursday, March 27, 2014 3:51 PM

To: Caballero, Alisa L (PHCD); Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)

Cc: Saydal-Hamilton, Mari (PHCD); Santamaria, Mayra C. (PHCD); Edwards, Julie (PHCD); Flanders, Pamela (PHCD);

Montero, Eve (PHCD)

Subject: RE: Disclosure Statement

#### Alisa:

Hopefully, this will clarify this matter:

1) Applications are only returned, reviewed and submitted to PHCD by Energy's staff, not by the staff at our various sites. However, clients can retrieve applications at the various Community Resource Centers.

2) Mrs. Heidi Davis is a non –County temp. employed with the department's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), she does not have any involvement with the decision making process for the Beautification program.

Hopefully, this brings clarity to this matter and we are not denying people, because of whom they are related to.

From: Caballero, Alisa L (PHCD)

Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2014 3:37 PM

To: Jones, Corey D. (CAHSD); Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)

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# Hi Corey:

Understanding that CAHSD Energy Programs Division administers the Beautification program, we need clarification on how the applicants are referred to PHCD.

- 1. Are applications taken at the sites, or only through CAHSD Energy Program Division?
- 2. Please clarify the current roles and responsibilities of Ms. Davis and her role if any, in administering the beautification program.

### Thanks.

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From: Jones, Corey D. (CAHSD)

**Sent:** Thursday, March 27, 2014 9:36 AM

To: Caballero, Alisa L (PHCD); Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)

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**Subject:** RE: Disclosure Statement

## Food for thought:

Mrs. Davis is not employed with the CAHSD Energy Programs Division; which is responsible for administering the Beautification program.

**From:** Caballero, Alisa L (PHCD)

Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 11:07 AM

**To:** Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)

Cc: Saydal-Hamilton, Mari (PHCD); Santamaria, Mayra C. (PHCD); Edwards, Julie (PHCD); Flanders, Pamela (PHCD);

Montero, Eve (PHCD); Jones, Corey D. (CAHSD)

**Subject:** RE: Disclosure Statement

## **Quick Correction:**

Jevon Joseph is the son of Ms. Davis who works for CAA. Jennifer Joseph is a County Employee currently working WASD.

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From: Caballero, Alisa L (PHCD)

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2014 11:03 AM

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Montero, Eve (PHCD)

Subject: FW: Disclosure Statement

#### Hi Mimi:

<< File: DOC051513-002.pdf >> << File: Beautification Resolution Summary 5-15-13.docx >>

We are in need of your expertise. PHCD has a program called the Beautification Program, which has been in place for a while. In short, this program allows single-family homeowners living in district 1 & 2, to apply for a loan up-to \$5,900 to improve their home's façade. This can include painting, landscaping, etc. The loan terms are deferred/forgivable in five years. Attached is the history of this program along with the BCC resolutions.

The reason for this email, is that we have an applicant who is related to a County employee who works for CAHSD as an eligibility interviewer. See the attached Disclosure Statement from the applicants. We want to obtain an opinion regarding these type of cases and this specific one. The applicants are not County employees.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thanks.

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From: Montero, Eve (PHCD)

Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 12:41 PM

**To:** Caballero, Alisa L (PHCD) **Subject:** Dislcosure Statement

<< File: 201403251234.pdf >>

Alisa,

Mr. & Mrs. Jevon Joseph are applying for a Surtax Beautification loan with CAHSD and PHCD. All homeowners are required to fill out a Employee Disclosure Statement form and return to us for review. (See attached).

After reviewing the form Mr. Joseph disclosed that his mother, Hauthia Davis, is employed by CAHSD, as an Eligibility Interviewer in one of their satellite offices in Miami Gardens.

Please let us know how to proceed.

Thank you for your help,

Eve Montero, Homeownership Specialist
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