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**From:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2015 2:59 PM  
**To:** Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)  
**Cc:** Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)  
**Subject:** INQ 15-105 David Young, Vice Chair, City of Miami Planning and Zonng Board (Voting Conflict)

David Young, Vice Chair of the City of Miami Zoning Board, inquired regarding whether he would need to recuse himself from voting on a matter on the board, where a law firm that held a fundraiser for him in his campaign for Miami-Dade County Circuit court Judge, would be appearing. Mr. Young is a former Circuit Judge and is currently a candidate (unopposed) for election again as Circuit Judge. Inasmuch as otherwise legal political or judicial campaign contributions are not considered personal gifts under the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance (Section 2-11.1(e)(2)(a)) and such campaign contributions and campaign fundraising do not generally result in a prohibited conflict of interest for elected officials under Section 2-11.1(d) of the Code, I advised Mr. Young that he did not have a legally prohibited conflict of interest. However, I also advised him that he may wish to disclose this publicly when such matters come before the planning and zoning board, and that, if he ever felt that he could not evaluate a matter objectively on its merits or that a serious appearance of impropriety might result from his participating in such a matter, he could exercise his own discretion in determining whether to recuse himself.

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