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Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2015 4:05 PM
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Cc: Centorino, Joseph (COE); Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE); Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: INQ 15-106 Cynthia Cruz, Admin. Asst. to District 5, Commissioner Hardemon, City of Miami (Housing assistance)

Dear Ms. Cruz:

You inquired whether a conflict of interest exists that would prevent you from participating in a housing assistance program administered by the City of Miami, for the purchase of a house in the city.

Based on our telephone conversation, the facts are as follows:

- 1) You are an Administrative Assistant to the Office of Commissioner Keon Hardemon, District 5, City of Miami
- 2) You are applying to the City of Miami's First Time Homebuyer Program
- 3) Neither you nor a family member participates in the administration of said mortgage loan program.

Based on the foregoing, you are not prohibited from participating in the First Time Homebuyer Program administered by the City of Miami Department of Community Development (CDC), if certain provisos are followed. The relevant local ethics laws are City of Miami Code Section 2-612(a) and the Miami Dade County Code Section 2-11.1(c)(5).(RQO 09-44)

The City of Miami Code at Section 2-612(a) allows a city employee to participate in federal affordable housing programs and State housing initiatives partnership programs administered by the city " *provided that the employee meets all the criteria of the program and provided that the city manager approves the participation of the employee and that the employee is identified as being an employee of the city in applicable documents*". Similarly, the Miami- Dade County Code of Ethics at Section 2-11.1(c)(5) allows participation of an employee in a single-family mortgage loan program as long as the employee does not participate " in the administration of said single-family mortgage loan program."

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact me or Gilma Diaz-Greco, at (305) 579-2594.

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From: Ethics (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2015 9:56 AM
To: Perez, Martha D. (COE)
Cc: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Subject: FW: Clearance - for use of Home Funds

Please handle.

From: Cynthia Cruz [<mailto:cynthiacruz2002@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2015 8:14 PM
To: Ethics (COE)
Subject: Fw: Clearance - for use of Home Funds

On Tuesday, June 2, 2015 8:02 PM, Cynthia Cruz <cynthiacruz2002@yahoo.com> wrote:

Good evening:

My name is Cynthia Cruz. I currently work with the City of Miami District 5 Office of Commissioner Keon Hardemon. I have worked her for 8 years. I am currently in the process of purchasing a house located at 1274 NW 52nd Street Miami, FL 33142 with the assistance of home funds. I am a single mother trying to purchase a place to call home.

I would appreciate it if you could please provide me with a clearance to use home funds, confirming that it is not a conflict of interest.

If you need anything further information or have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email or phone (305) 962-2848.

Thank you!
Cynthia Cruz