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**From:** Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2015 8:51 AM  
**To:** Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)  
**Subject:** Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, Ethics Opinion (voting conflict) INQ 15-12

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**From:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2015 4:10 PM  
**To:** Castro, Vivian (DIST6)  
**Cc:** Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Conflict of Interest Opinion for Item No. 150100

Ms. Castro,

You inquired on behalf of Commissioner Rebeca Sosa regarding whether she could vote on the attached item related to Value Adjustment Board Proceedings, which involves issues concerning the overall funding provided to the School District from Miami-Dade County tax revenues. This request was made in view of her fulltime employment with the School District at the Lindsay-Hopkins Technical Education Center.

As I indicated to you prior to the vote, it was permissible for Commissioner Sosa to vote or participate in this matter because there was no direct correlation between her position with the school district and this item. The school district is a vast enterprise and any change in funding to the overall district from this measure would have no perceptible effect on Commissioner Sosa in her position with the district that would create a voting conflict under Section 2-11.1(d) of the Ethics Code Ordinance. Since the School District is a governmental organization rather than a private business, and because she would not stand to profit or be enhanced by this item, there is no prohibited conflict of interest.

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

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**From:** Castro, Vivian (DIST6)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 20, 2015 5:42 PM  
**To:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Subject:** Request for Conflict of Interest Opinion for Item No. 150100

Good afternoon, Mr. Centorino:

Commissioner Sosa requested that I contact you regarding the attached item. She would like to ascertain whether or not she has a voting conflict.

150100: RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION RELATED TO VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD ("VAB") PROCEEDINGS TO: (1) ADDRESS INTEREST PAYMENTS FOLLOWING A VAB DETERMINATION; (2) IMPROVE THE TIMELINESS AND ACCURACY OF THE VAB PROCESS, AND EXPEDITE THE FINAL CERTIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY TAX ROLL; SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL BOARD IN PURSUING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROVIDE A PROCESS BY WHICH SCHOOL DISTRICTS COULD IMMEDIATELY RECOVER ANY PRELIMINARY SHORTFALL IN THE REQUIRED LOCAL EFFORT UNTIL THE FINAL TAX ROLL IS CERTIFIED AND A FINAL PRIOR PERIOD FUNDING ADJUSTMENT IS MADE

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Most sincerely,

Vivian Castro

Legislative Director

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