
From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 9:23 AM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: Miami-Dade County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, District 6 (Voting Conflicts) INQ 15-135

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From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 5:09 PM
To: Castro, Vivian (DIST6)
Cc: Aguirre, Betty (DIST6); Fernandez, Alejandro J. (DIST6); Orbis, Jr Manuel (DIST6); Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE); Perez, Martha D. (COE)
Subject: INQ's 15-134 and 15-135 Miami-Dade County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, District 6 (Voting Conflicts)

Ms. Castro:

You have inquired on behalf of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa regarding whether she has a prohibited conflict of interest in connection with her voting on or otherwise participating in Item No. 8H1(151150) and Item No. 11A12(151108), both of which involved Resolutions approving agreements between Miami-Dade County and the School Board of Miami-Dade County. This inquiries are made in light of Commissioner Sosa's full time employment with the Miami-Dade Public Schools at the Lindsey-Hopkins Technical Education Center.

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Item No. 11A12 (151108) involves a Resolution to approve a the joint use agreement between Miami-Dade County and the School Board of Miami-Dade County for a term of five (5) years, which will provide a rent payment of the County to the School Board of \$1.00 per year, and to direct the County Mayor to identify funding sources to pay for the County's obligations under the Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Departmental budget. The agreement would allow for the use of a vacant parcel of real property in close proximity to two public schools, to be used for public park purposes identified as "Ferguson Park." It is my understanding that the program will not have any impact personally on Commissioner Sosa or affect her position within the Miami-Dade County Public Schools in any way. Because the Miami-Dade Public Schools is a governmental entity rather than a private entity, her employment there would not automatically present a voting conflict pursuant to Section 2-11.1(d) of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance. Additionally, since Commissioner Sosa does not in any way stand to profit or be enhanced by the vote on this item, she does not have a prohibited conflict of interest and may vote on or participate in the item when it comes before the County Commission.

Sincerely,

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

From: Castro, Vivian (DIST6)
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 3:33 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)

Cc: Aguirre, Betty (DIST6); Fernandez, Alejandro J. (DIST6); Orbis, Jr Manuel (DIST6)

Subject: Commissioner Sosa's Request for Conflict of Interest Opinion for Items: 8H1 (151150) & 11A12 (151108)

Good afternoon, Mr. Centorino:

I am writing on Commissioner Sosa's behalf, as she would like to determine whether or not she has a voting conflict regarding the following items appearing on the June 30th BCC meeting agenda. For your convenience I have attached a copy of the items.

8H1 (151150):

RESOLUTION APPROVING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA TO CONTINUE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT SEARCH; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND EXERCISE ALL PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN(Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces)

11A12 (151108):

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE JOINT USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR AN INITIAL TERM OF FIVE YEARS TO COMMENCE WITH THE NEW FISCAL YEAR ON OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND TWO RENEWAL TERMS OF FIVE YEARS EACH, ALL FOR A RENT PAYMENT BY THE COUNTY TO THE SCHOOL BOARD OF \$1.00 PER YEAR; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO IDENTIFY FUNDING SOURCE TO PAY FOR THE COUNTY'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE AGREEMENT AND TO INCLUDE SAME WITHIN THE PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACES DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 AND THE DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT, AND TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND EXERCISE THE PROVISIONS THEREIN, EXCEPT THE PROVISION FOR CANCELLATION FOR CONVENIENCE

Thank you in advance,

Vivian

Vivian Castro

Legislative Director

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