
From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2015 11:59 AM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, Ethics Opinion (Voting Conflict, Exploitation) INQ 15- 17

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From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 4:00 PM
To: Aguirre, Betty (DIST6)
Cc: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE); Sanchez, Gerald (CAO)
Subject: INQ - Commissioner Rebeca Sosa (Voting Conflict, Exploitation)

Ms. Aguirre:

Regarding your question on behalf of Commissioner Sosa, I do not foresee any conflict involved in Commissioner Sosa's undertaking to work in her position as County Commissioner to find and create greater opportunities for facilities geared toward educating and caring for those with autism. As a general rule, her efforts on behalf of the public good, where there is no likely profit or enhancement that would accrue to her personally, would not create a conflict with her position at the County. All public servants have the inherent right to work for the public interest. In the event that she were to pursue, through her County position, some type of program or benefit that could enhance her own position with the Miami-Dade Public Schools or in some way personally benefit her, then she would be wise to avoid such activity or to be certain to get an opinion from us and advise us of whatever possible benefit she might receive. Certainly, there is nothing inappropriate in her exploring whatever possibilities exist for such improved or expanded services. Should her efforts result the likelihood of an issue coming before the County Commission as a direct result of her efforts, I would advise that she seek our advice before proceeding.

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

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From: Aguirre, Betty (DIST6)
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To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
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Mr. Centorino,

Good morning! Commissioner Sosa would like to begin exploring avenues at both the state and local level to increase schools and facilities specialized in educating and caring for children diagnosed with Autism. As you are aware Commissioner Sosa is employed by Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and as such I am requesting your opinion as to whether or not a conflict of interest would present itself should she embark on this initiative,

which may involve the following: board action, letters requesting support, speaking engagements and meetings. Your attention is always greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

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