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Subject: Rebeca Sosa, Miami-Dade County Commissioner, District 6 (Voting Conflict) INQ 15-177

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From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 3:08 PM
To: Aguirre, Betty (DIST6)
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Subject: INQ 15-177 Rebeca Sosa, Miami-Dade County Commissioner, District 6 (Voting Conflict)

Ms. Aguirre:

You have inquired on behalf of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa (District 6) whether she has a voting conflict of interest under Section 2-11.1(d) of the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code in participating in or voting on a measure coming before the County Commission regarding the George T. Baker Trade School, a public school in the Miami-Dade County Public School District and which is located within District 6. The measure would provide County assistance that the school is seeking in connection with sidewalk and other public safety improvements including speed signs and parking. The request is made in light of Commissioner Sosa's full-time position with Miami-Dade Public Schools at Lindsey-Hopkins Technical Education Center. It is my understanding that the proposed school improvements would in no way affect Commissioner Sosa personally or in her employment with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and that Commissioner Sosa is not employed t or otherwise personally affiliated with the Baker School. There is no likely possibility that Commissioner Sosa would personally profit or be enhanced by the measure.

Given that the School District is a governmental agency and not a private business, and that Commissioner Sosa is in no way affected personally by the upcoming issue, I do not see a basis for any voting conflict under Section 2-11.(d) of the Code. Therefore, it is my opinion that Commissioner Sosa may participate in and vote on the measure when it comes before the County Commission.

Sincerely,
Joe

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