
From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 4:07 PM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: Ronetta Taylor, City Clerk, City of Miami Gardens (Voting Conflict) INQ 15-208

INQ 15-208 Taylor

From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 4:05 PM
To: 'TaylorR@miamigardens-fl.gov'
Cc: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE); Perez, Martha D. (COE)
Subject: INQ 15-208 Ronetta Taylor, City Clerk, City of Miami Gardens (Voting Conflict)

Ms. Taylor,

You have inquired regarding whether a Council member, who is Chairman of the Board for an organization receiving CDBG funds from the City of Miami Gardens, would be barred from the entire public hearing process for all items receiving CDBG funding from the City as a result of the conflict.

Section 2-11.1(d) requires that a Council member having a voting conflict absent himself or herself from the meeting "during the discussion of the subject item and shall not vote on or participate in any way in said matter." It is my opinion that the member in question need to absent himself from the entire hearing regarding this matter, only during any discussion concerning the allocation to his organization. Accordingly, I suggest that in structuring the hearing it should be arranged that discussion of the other allocations be done separately from any proposed allocation to the organization that has Council member on its board. I would also remind that board member that, pursuant to Section 112.3143(3), Florida Statutes, the Council member must declare the conflict publicly prior to the discussion on the item creating the conflict, and also file a disclosure of the conflict in Florida Commission on Ethics Form 8B with your office within 15 days of the vote.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Centorino
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Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: Thompson, Robert A. (COE)
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 3:02 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE) <CENTORI@miamidade.gov>
Subject: FW: Ethics Question

FYI. Please see below.
Robert Thompson

From: Ronetta Taylor [<mailto:TaylorR@miamigardens-fl.gov>]
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 1:57 PM
To: Thompson, Robert A. (COE)
Subject: Ethics Question

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Subject: RE: INQ 15-208 Ronetta Taylor, City Clerk, City of Miami Gardens (Voting Conflict)

Ronetta,

I just noticed a typo in my email. The phrase in the second line of the second paragraph should say “need not absent himself from the entire hearing” rather than “need to absent himself from the entire hearing.” Sorry for the confusion.
Joe

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Subject: RE: INQ 15-208 Ronetta Taylor, City Clerk, City of Miami Gardens (Voting Conflict)

Thanks so much for your quick response.

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