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Subject: FW: Rebeca Sosa, Miami-Dade County Commissioner (DIST 6) (Voting Conflict- Item 161866 (item 3H on SPAGO Cmte))

Attachments: 3H - Interlocal Agreement between the School Board and the County.pdf

INQ 16-212 Sosa

(Item 161866 available on paper file)

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Ms. Castro:

This will confirm my conversation with Alex Fernandez on your staff regarding this inquiry on behalf of Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, Miami-Dade County Commission (DIST 6). You inquired on Commissioner Sosa's behalf regarding whether she would have a voting conflict under Section 2-11.1(d) of the County Ethics Code in voting on and otherwise participating in the discussion on Item 3H (161866) concerning payment by the County to Miami-Dade County School Board pursuant to an interlocal agreement between Miami-Dade County and Miami-Dade County School Board. The sum of \$2,439,579.68 is due to be paid by the County to the School Board for past services from the Driver Education Safety Trust Fund under the referenced agreement. This question has been asked in light of Commissioner Sosa's full-time employment as curriculum/program facilitator for services related to the county-wide South Florida Workforce one-stop delivery system, which includes assisting, coordinating and monitoring the county-wide Career Resource Center program at Lindsey Hopkins Technical Center.

For the purposes of this opinion, it is my understanding that Commissioner Sosa does not stand to benefit personally in any way from this item, which is not connected to her compensation or duties with the School District..

Due to Commissioner Sosa's employment with a governmental agency, her employment relationship with Miami-Dade County Public Schools is not considered to create a prohibited conflict with her duties as Miami-Dade County Commission. Additionally, insofar as Commissioner Sosa does not stand to benefit personally in any way from the item in question, she would not have a prohibited voting conflict under Section 2-11.1(d) of the Code that would prevent her from participating in and voting on this item.

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Sincerely,

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Subject: Request for Conflict of Interest Opinion for item 161866 (item 3H on SPAGO Cmte)

Good afternoon Mr. Centorino:

In reviewing the items added to the final agenda of the September 12, 2016, Strategic Planning and Government Operations Committee meeting, item 3H (161866) concerns an interlocal agreement between the Miami-Dade County School Board and the County.

Commissioner Sosa would appreciate your office reviewing the item for any potential conflict of interest as she is employed by Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The item is attached for your convenience.

Sincerely,

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