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To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: Rebeca Sosa, Miami-Dade County Commissioner (DIST 6) (Voting Conflict) INQ 16-246

INQ 16-246 Sosa

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Subject: RE: INQ 16-246 Rebeca Sosa, Miami-Dade County Commissioner (DIST 6) (Voting Conflict)

Thank you Mr. Centorino. I will inform the Commissioner.

Regards,

Vivian

Vivian Castro
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Vivian:

You inquired on behalf of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa (DIST 6) concerning whether Commissioner Sosa would have a voting conflict of interest under Subsection 2-11.1(d) of the County Ethics code in connection with Item 162135 on the BCC November 3 agenda. The item is a Resolution approving the First Amendment to the Joint Use Agreement between the County and the Miami-Dade County School Board for property located within Zoo Miami to be

used by the School Board for educational/recreational purposes as part of the Science/Zoo Magnet Programs and authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute the agreement. This question is raised in connection with Commissioner Sosa's employment as Curriculum/program facilitator for services related to the countywide South Florida Workforce one-stop delivery system at Lindsey Hopkins Technical Center.

Based upon my review of the description of the Resolution provided by you, it does not appear that Commissioner Sosa's position with the School District would be affected by this program, which involves an extension of time for the use of portable classrooms that are used to accommodate middle/high school magnet programs at the Zoo during the 2016-2017 school year. Since Commissioner Sosa's position will not be affected and she does not stand to personally profit or be enhanced by this item, it is my opinion that she does not have a voting conflict of interest on the item and may, therefore, vote on and participate in the discussion of the item when it comes before the BCC.

Sincerely,

Joe Centorino

Joseph M. Centorino

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From: Castro, Vivian (DIST6)
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To: Centorino, Joseph (COE) <Joseph.Centorino@miamidade.gov>
Subject: RE: Conflict of interest opinion on item 162135- (8H1 on the Nov. 1, 2016, BCC)

Hello Mr. Centorino,

I completely understand and am happy to provide a description:

Title: Resolution approving the First Amendment to the Joint Use Agreement with the School Board of Miami-Dade County for property located within Zoo Miami to be used by the School Board for educational/recreational use as a part of the Science/Zoo Magnet Programs and authorizing the County Mayor or designee to execute such agreement and exercise all rights contained therein.

[Here are actual statements from the resolution:](#)

- Since 1988, MDCPS has owned/utilized 3 portable classrooms at Zoo Miami as part of the Richmond Heights Middle School Zoo Magnet Program.
- The District has now added a high school component (BioTech Program), which requires the installation of 12 new portable classrooms (at a different location of the zoo) to accommodate both the middle and high school programs.
- Currently, 6 out of the 12 new portables have been installed.
- The School Board was going to vacate the original 3 portable classrooms upon completion of the new portables.
- The County approached the School Board requesting donation of the 3 portables to use for Zoo classroom/office space.
- The School Board has advised that there is a continuing need for 2 out of the 3 portables to meet classroom requirements for the 2016-17 School Year, but does not anticipate future need after the school year (ending June 30, 2017) as the remaining new portables will be added.
- Due to the growth and popularity of the magnet programs, there will be an insufficient number of new portable classrooms to meet the School Board's educational needs for the 2016-17 School Year, and therefore, extension of time for use of the 2 remaining portables is required.
- Upon approval of R-40-16, the Board approved a Joint Use Agreement to provide for the installation of new portable classrooms and long-term operation of the middle/high school magnet programs at Zoo Miami at a new location. The School Board may install up to 13 new portable classrooms. The portables are being installed in multiple phases as additional grade levels are added.
- This First Amendment to the Joint Use Agreement (Attachment A) provides an extension of time for use of the 2 remaining portables through June 30, 2017 to accommodate the middle/high school magnet programs for the 2016-17 School Year.

Thank you so much,

Vivian

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Vivian,
 Unfortunately our computers here right now are unable to log onto the internet, so I have been unable to read the attachment or access the County website. If possible, can you provide a description of what this item is about?
 Joe

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Dear Mr. Centorino:

Commissioner Sosa is respectfully requesting your opinion regarding item 8H1 (162135) appearing on the November 1, 2016, BCC agenda. She would like to know whether or not the item presents a voting conflict given her employment with the Miami-Dade County School Board. For your convenience, the item is attached to this email.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Most sincerely,

Vivian

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