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INQ 16-66 Levine Cava

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**From:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2016 12:12 PM  
**To:** Cava, Daniella Levine (DIST8) <dlcava@miamidade.gov>  
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**Subject:** INQ 16-66 Miami-Dade Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava (Ethics Training)

Commissioner:

There are a myriad of ways to comply with the State requirement. The State requirement, Section 112.3142, Florida Statutes, applicable to Constitutional officers such as yourself, requires four hours a year, including the Sunshine and Public Records Laws, the State ethics code under Chapter 112, and the Sunshine amendment to the State Constitution. No one is specifically authorized or compelled to do the training, so it can come from any qualified entity or individual. I believe that the State Financial Disclosure form for elected officials now includes a certification regarding completion of the required ethics training. The State Ethics Commission has some online courses which can be utilized, as does the Association of Counties. However, the statute is broad enough to include any appropriate presentations, including those done by our agency.

The County requirement, Section 2-11.1(bb), which was passed separately about a year prior to the State requirement, sponsored by Commissioner Jordan, requires a training program from the Commission on Ethics for an unspecified length of time, to occur within 90 days of an election for all County and municipal elected officials elected or re-elected (with or without opposition). Our elected officials' course focuses on the County ethics code but also includes some State Code provisions, as well as some other county requirements like the Cone of Silence and Honor Code. It is about two-hours in length and it is provided several times a year at various municipal locations. In my opinion, it can be applied toward the four-hour annual State requirement.

We would be happy to provide a separate ethics training for the County Commissioners upon request, although we have not been requested to do so recently.

Sincerely,  
Joe Centorino

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**From:** Cava, Daniella Levine (DIST8)  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 05, 2016 7:38 PM  
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**Subject:** Re: Training

Joe, please recommend how I should best do my 4 hours. Thank you.

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On Mar 5, 2016, at 3:51 PM, Centorino, Joseph (COE) <[CENTORI@miamidade.gov](mailto:CENTORI@miamidade.gov)> wrote:

Commissioner Levine Cava:

You are, of course, always welcome at any of our training events. This one is more geared toward municipal officials than County officials, so it may not be the ideal one for you, although you would be entitled to claim 2 hours toward your annual 4-hour State ethics training requirement, should you decide to attend.

Joe

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**From:** Cava, Daniella Levine (DIST8)  
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**To:** Centorino, Joseph (COE) <[CENTORI@miamidade.gov](mailto:CENTORI@miamidade.gov)>  
**Subject:** Training

Hi Joe. Does it make sense for me to attend this?  
Many thanks,

Daniella

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