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From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 10:44 AM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: Laurea Rambeau, MDC employee, African Heritage Cultural Arts Center (County Charter, Section 1.05) INQ 17-157

INQ 17-157 Rambeau

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From: Ethics (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 4:41 PM
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Ms. Rambeau:

You have inquired concerning whether, as a part-time employee of the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, an agency within Miami-Dade County government, you may qualify as a candidate for the Miami-Dade County School Board. Although this matter does not appear to involve a conflict issue under the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics, you should be made aware of the provisions of Section 1.05 of the County Charter. That provision states under Subsection C that, "Any appointed official or employee of Dade County who qualifies as a candidate for election to any federal, state or municipal office shall immediately take a leave of absence from his or her county position until the date of the election and shall, if elected, immediately forfeit his or her county position. If the candidate is not elected, he or she shall immediately be reinstated to his or her former position." This provision does not appear to except part-time employees from its prohibition. Since the School Board is created under Article IX of the State of Florida Constitution, School Board positions are considered constitutional offices of the State of Florida. Therefore, it appears that you would be required to take a leave of absence from your County position in the event that you qualify as a candidate for the Miami-Dade County School Board.

Sincerely,

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From: Laurea Rambeau [mailto:laurarenee31@comcast.net]

Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2017 4:57 PM

To: Ethics (COE) <ethics@miamidade.gov>

Cc: Laurea Rambeau <laurarenee31@comcast.net>

Subject: Question about School Board Seat

Hello,

I am hoping you can help me. My name is Laurea Rambeau. I would like to run for the seat of school board in 2018. Today I was at Miami Dade county elections department in hopes of submitting my paperwork to announce my candidacy. I currently work part time at the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center. The African heritage cultural arts center falls under the umbrella of cultural affairs for Miami Dade county. I was wondering will there be any type of conflict if I ran for this seat. I was told that it would not be a conflict. But, when I asked the elections department about this to verify that it was okay to submit my paperwork for candidate announcement, the elections department said that they did not know. They said it was kinda a grey area. So the elections department told me to contact the ethics department.

I normally work 25 hours a week, part time, and I do not receive any benefits. Below is my work information. Please let me know if I am able to announce my candidacy and run for this seat. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Laurea Rambeau

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My work info:

Name: Laurea Rambeau

Position: theatre crew 3 (part time)

Location: african heritage cultural arts center Center director: Marshall Davis Cultural affairs director: Michael spring

Sent from my iPhone