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**From:** Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)  
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**To:** Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)  
**Subject:** Rebeca Sosa, Miami-Dade County Commissioner (DIST 6) (Voting Conflict - item 162607- ( 8H3 on the Jan. 24, 2016, BCC)) INQ 17-18  
**Attachments:** 162607.pdf

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**Subject:** IBNQ 17-18, Rebeca Sosa, Miami-Dade County Commissioner (DIST 6) (Voting Conflict - item 162607- ( 8H3 on the Jan. 24, 2016, BCC))

Mr Fernandez:

You have inquired in your capacity as aide to Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, Miami-Dade County Commissioner (DIST 6) concerning whether Commissioner Sosa would have a voting conflict of interest under Section 2-11.1(d) of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance, in connection with Item 162607, 8H3 on the BCC agenda for Jan. 24, 2016. The question is asked in light of Commissioner Sosa's full-time employment with the Miami-Dade County Schools as a Curriculum/Program Facilitator for services related to the countywide South Florida Workforce one-stop delivery system. The item in question relates to an Amendment to the Joint Use Agreement between the School Board of Miami-Dade County and Miami-Dade County extending the agreement for 30 years between the Schools and the County for joint use of School property adjacent to Miami Killian High School, known as Ron Ehmann Park, for recreational purposes. The original agreement was ratified by the BCC in 2009 with the participation of Commissioner Sosa.

Inasmuch as Commissioner Sosa's employment is with a government agency, she is not automatically disqualified from voting due to her employment by an agency affected by the action in question. It is my understanding that Commissioner Sosa's position with the Miami-Dade-Public Schools is in no way affected by the agreement or its extension, and that she will not, directly or indirectly, profit or be enhanced by the BCC action on this item. Therefore, it is my opinion that Commissioner Sosa may participate in the discussion on and vote on the item in question because she does not have a voting conflict of interest under Section 2-11.1(d) of the Ethics Code.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Conflict of interest opinion on item 162607- ( 8H3 on the Jan. 24, 2016, BCC)

Good morning, Mr. Centorino:

I hope this email finds you well. Item 8H3 (162607) on the preliminary agenda for Tuesday's Board of County Commissioners meeting relates to an amendment to a joint use agreement with the School Board of Miami-Dade County for property located on an approximately 14-acre school board site adjacent to Miami Killian Senior High School. In advance of Tuesday's consideration of this item, we respectfully request your opinion as to whether or not the item presents a voting conflict given the Commissioner Sosa's employment with the Miami-Dade county School Board. For your convenience, the item is attached to this email.

Many thanks in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,  
Alex

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