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From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 10:23 AM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: FW: Manny Cid, Mayor, Town of Miami Lakes (Voting Conflict) INQ 17-274

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From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 3:02 PM
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Subject: INQ 17-274 Manny Cid, Mayor, Town of Miami Lakes (Voting Conflict)

Mr. Gastesi,

Mayor Cid has inquired concerning whether he may have a voting conflict of interest in voting on an item coming up at tonight's Council meeting regarding the award of a contract by the Town to Rodriguez Trueba and Company for Independent Auditing Services. Mayor Cid has explained to me that he has no personal or familial financial interest of any kind in that firm. However, he has previously recused himself from any involvement in the formation of the selection committee for the contract due to the fact that he had a 33 1/2 per cent interest in an Adult Day Care Center that contracted with Rodriguez Trueba for accounting services. His ownership interest in the Center created a business relationship between himself and Rodriguez Trueba that caused him to recuse himself from the contract award process in the Town. However, I am now informed that Mayor Cid has sold his interest in the Center, and that he no longer has any private business relationship of any kind with Rodriguez Trueba, nor any present expectation of having one in the future.

Under these circumstances, there is no relationship between Mayor Cid and the firm in question that would automatically create a voting conflict of interest. Based on his having completely severed his involvement with the entity that employs the firm, I see no reasonable possibility that Mayor Cid could profit or be enhanced by voting on the item now before the Council. Accordingly, Mayor Cid may participate and vote on the award of the contract to Rodriguez Trueba and Company for Independent Auditing Services.

Sincerely,

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From: Raul Gastesi [mailto:rgastesi@gastesi.com]

Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 1:25 PM

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Subject: Time Sensitive Conflict Issue

Joe, I spoke to Mayor Cid. Up until yesterday, he was a 33.3% owner in Always At Your Side Adult Day Care. Rodriguez Trueba and Company currently provides accounting services for the day care.

At tonight's Council meeting, there is an item on the agenda to award Rodriguez Trueba and Company the contract for Independent Auditing Services. Additionally, Mayor Cid did not recommend anyone to the evaluation committee as he does not want any perception of impropriety.

The Mayor wants to know if he needs to recuse himself? Please advise. The meeting is set to being at 630pm.
Sent from my iPhone