

Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)

From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Monday, January 08, 2018 2:27 PM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: Lydia Lopez, Assistant to Senior Advisor Michael Spring (Conflict of Interest) INQ 17-294
Attachments: Conflict of Interest Policy with annual certification (002) (002).docx

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From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Friday, January 05, 2018 4:25 PM
To: Turay, Radia (COE) <Radia.Turay@miamidade.gov>; Perez, Martha D. (COE) <Martha.Perez2@miamidade.gov>; Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE) <Gilma.Diaz-Greco@miamidade.gov>
Subject: INQ 17-294 Lydia Lopez, Assistant to Senior Advisor Michael Spring (Conflict of Interest))

Lydia Lopez, Assistant to Senior Advisor Michael Spring, Office of the Mayor, Miami-Dade County, inquired concerning whether Mr. Spring, as well as Deputy Mayor Ed Marquez, who were both appointed to the Frost Museum of Science Board to represent the County's interests, would need to disclose their County employment on a form generated by the Frost Museum Conflict of Interest Policy, due to their employment in an organization that might benefit from an action of the board. I informed Ms. Spring that, since they were appointed to the board explicitly as County representatives, and because the board oversees an operation with which the County has many mutual and supportive interests and is essentially partner, that they would not need to list such employment. Such disclosure is obviously geared to the disclosure of possible conflicting interests with the Frost Museum, that could amount to voting conflicts or other significant conflicts, regarding which the Museum board and management should be aware. The explicit appointment of County personnel to represent the County's interests on a board with which the County is engaged primarily on matters of community and County interest, would indicate that their representation of the County on this board, by itself, could not create a conflict of interest with the board. I advised that it was my opinion that they need to disclose their County employment as it was already disclosed by virtue of their appointments and did not create a conflict of interest intended to be disclosed on the board's disclosure form.

From: Lopez, Lydia A. (Office of the Mayor)
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 1:07 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE) <Joseph.Centorino@miamidade.gov>
Subject: RE: Question about Frost Museum of Science Conflict of Interest Policy

Mr. Centorino,

I received your voicemail and no additional information is needed. Thank you so much for following up.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season.

Best,
Lydia

From: Lopez, Lydia A. (Office of the Mayor)
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 11:18 AM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE) <Joseph.Centorino@miamidade.gov>

Cc: Harrison, Tara (Office of the Mayor) <Tara.Harrison@miamidade.gov>

Subject: Question about Frost Museum of Science Conflict of Interest Policy

Dear Mr. Centorino,

Both Senior Advisor Michael Spring and Deputy Mayor Ed Marquez were appointed to the Frost Museum of Science Board to represent the County's interests. They have been asked to complete and submit the attached Conflict of Interest form and have questions about listing working for the County as a conflict. Technically, one has a conflict if one is an employee of an organization that might benefit from an action of the board, yet they were appointed to represent the County's interests. Please advise.

Thank you,

Lydia

Lydia A. Lopez

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