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From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 10:57 AM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: INQ 18-159 Eileen Higgins, Miami-Dade County Commissioner (DIST5) (Financial Disclosure)

INQ 18-159 Higgins

From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 10:40 AM
To: 'Maggie Fernandez' <gtmagfer@gmail.com>
Cc: Higgins, Eileen (DIST5) <Eileen.Higgins@miamidade.gov>; 'Nancy Jackson' <nancy.beyondborders@gmail.com>; 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>; Sanchez, Gerald (CAO) <Gerald.Sanchez@miamidade.gov>; Kirtley, Eddie (CAO) <Eddie.Kirtley@miamidade.gov>
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Ms. Fernandez,

In regard to your inquiry on behalf of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Eileen Higgins (DIST5), concerning her financial disclosure requirements for this year, it is my understanding that she filed the Form 6 State Financial Disclosure form for 2017 with the Miami-Dade Supervisor of Elections upon her qualification as a candidate earlier this year for her Commission Seat. Based upon her filing of that form, which is required of constitutional officers under Article II, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution and Section 112,3144, Florida Statutes, she has fulfilled her financial disclosure obligation for this year. She will not need to file a new financial disclosure form until next year, when she will be required to File the Form 6 financial disclosure form for 2018 by July 1, 2019. Please be aware, however, that she will need to file her financial disclosure form next year with the Florida Commission on Ethics. I have confirmed this with the General Counsel for the Florida Commission on Ethics.

Under Section 2-11.1(i)(1)(c), her compliance with the State requirements under Chapter 112 ;and Article II, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution, satisfies the County Financial Disclosure requirements under the County Ethics Code.

Thank you for your inquiry. I look forward to meeting with you and the Commissioner next week to review the ethical requirements for elected officials in the County.

Sincerely,

Joe Centorino

Joseph M. Centorino

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From: Maggie Fernandez [<mailto:gtmagfer@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2018 4:56 PM
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Cc: Higgins, Eileen (DIST5) <Eileen.Higgins@miamidade.gov>; 'Nancy Jackson' <nancy.beyondborders@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: County Commission - Conflict of Ethics affidavit

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Hi Mr. Director.

Quick question. Eileen filed a financial disclosure form for her candidacy. Does she have to resubmit the form as a Commissioner?

Thank you,

Maggie

From: Centorino, Joseph (COE) <Joseph.Centorino@miamidade.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2018 11:51 AM
To: 'Maggie Fernandez' <gtmagfer@gmail.com>
Cc: 'Eileen' <eileen@eileenhiggins.com>; 'Nancy Jackson' <nancy.beyondborders@gmail.com>
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Next Monday afternoon is clear, July 2. It will take between 1 and 2 hours to go through the material, probably closer to 2 hours if there are questions. I suggest scheduling it either 1-3 PM or 3-5 PM, hopefully at the Commissioner's downtown office, which would be most convenient for me. If Monday is not convenient, the rest of my week is fairly clear, except, of course, the 4th, so please feel free to suggest a different time. Thanks for taking the initiative on this.

Joe Centorino

PS The Commissioner is the only one who is required to take this course, which is designed for elected officials, although anyone on the staff is welcome. The staff should also take the online ethics course for County employees through HR, which is somewhat different and is tailored to employees.

From: Maggie Fernandez [<mailto:gtmagfer@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2018 10:19 AM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE) <Joseph.Centorino@miamidade.gov>

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Great day Mr. Centorino!

Following up with you to schedule ethics training for Commissioner Higgins and several staff members.

Please let us know of your availability next week.

Thank you so much,

Maggie Fernandez
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From: Eileen Higgins <ethiggins@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, June 22, 2018 10:03 AM

To: Maggie Fernandez <gtmagfer@gmail.com>

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Subject: RE: County Commission - Conflict of Ethics affidavit

Date: June 22, 2018 at 9:53:34 AM EDT

To: 'Eileen Higgins' <ethiggins@gmail.com>

Cc: "Ross, Rachele (COE)" <Rachele.Ross@miamidade.gov>

Commissioner Higgins,

Congratulations on your election! You or a staff member may certainly drop the form off and leave it with our receptionist, Ms. Ross, anytime this morning. I would meet with you myself, but I will be in the midst of a lobbyist ethics training session between 10 and 12 so I won't be able to see you during that time. I did speak with Assistant County attorney Gerald Sanchez and let him know that I would be willing to conduct a special ethics briefing for you to cover the County requirement that you receive ethics training within 90 days of your swearing in. You or a member of your staff may contact me to set up the time for that briefing. Although I will only be here until the end of August, I look forward to

working with you and will assist you and your staff in any way possible to facilitate your transition to public life.

Regards,

Joe Centorino

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From: Eileen Higgins [<mailto:ethiggins@gmail.com>]

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Good morning Joe,

I met with the CAOs office yesterday and have read the conflict of interest ordinance. I was wondering if I could drop the form off at about 11 am?

Mr. Ruvin would like to conduct the official swearing-in at 12:30.

Who should I leave it with?

Thanks so much.

Eileen Higgins
County Commissioner-Elect, District 5
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