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Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 11:04 AM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: FW: INQ 18-197 Rebeca Sosa, Miami-Dade County Commissioner (DIST6) (Voting Conflict re: item 181524)
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INQ 18-197 Sosa

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Subject: INQ 18-197 Rebeca Sosa, Miami-Dade County Commissioner (DIST6) (Voting Conflict re: item 181524)

Mr. Fernandez:

You have inquired on behalf of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa (DIST6) regarding 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#181524 coming before the Board of County Commissioners. The item would authorize the Mayor to accept grant funding from the Children's Trust for the Miami-Dade County Community Action and Human Services Department's Family and Community Services Division's Youth Success Program. The program, based in South Dade, would identify at-risk youth and young adults for the purpose of providing them with training opportunities to improve their chances at academic and career success. The program would be housed at the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' South Dade Technical College.

Your question is asked in light of Commissioner Sosa's full-time employment with MDCPS at the Lindsey-Hopkins Educational Center, where she is a curriculum/program facilitator for services related to the countywide South Florida Workforce one-stop delivery system. In the past this agency has provided opinions to Commissioner Sosa that have indicated that it does not create an automatic voting conflict for her to participate or vote on items affecting MDCPS, a government agency, merely due to her employment with that governmental entity. The issue of a voting conflict on such matter comes down to whether Commissioner Sosa might, directly or indirectly, profit or be enhanced by the item in question. My review of Item #181524 did not present any likelihood that Commissioner Sosa would, personally or professionally, be affected in any way by the item. If Commissioner Sosa should have any reason to believe that she might be personally affected in any way, then that should be brought by her to our attention. Under the details provided to me concerning this program, I do not find that Commissioner Sosa would profit or be enhanced by the program, and, therefore, I have concluded that she is not prohibited under Section 2-11.1(d) from participating or voting on this item.

Sincerely,

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From: Fernandez, Alejandro J. (DIST6)
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Subject: Conflict of Interest Opinion for item 181524

Good afternoon, Mr. Centorino:

I hope this email finds you well. I write to you on behalf of Commissioner Rebeca Sosa regarding item # 181524 which, in part, authorizes the Mayor to accept grant funding from The Children's Trust for the Miami-Dade County Community Action and Human Services Department's Family and Community Services Division's Youth Success Program. The memorandum accompanying the item indicates that the program will be housed at the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' South Dade Technical College site. We would appreciate your opinion as to whether or not a voting conflict would exist. For your convenience, I have attached the item to this email.

Many thanks in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,
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