

Frigo, Victoria (COE)

From: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2008 11:56 AM
To: 'Eve Boutsis'
Subject: INQ 08-144 Milli Membiela

Hello Eve,

This is to confirm that Ms. Membiela has no ethics conflicts as a volunteer member of the CAHSA County Advisory Board and, simultaneously, as a volunteer on the Housing Authority of the City of Miami Beach. CAHSA and the Housing Authority of the City of Miami Beach operate completely independently, and although the Housing Authority receives grant money from the County from time to time, CAHSA has no influence or authority in directing County funds to that organization or to any other.

For the same reason, Ms. Membiela's employment with the Miami Dade Affordable Housing Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, does not create ethics conflicts, because CAHSA does not have authority to direct County funds or benefits to the nonprofit.

County advisory board members are required to participate in ethics training, as per County Resolution R-189-05. If Ms. Membiela has not yet attended an ethics training session, I suggest she discuss setting a time through her board secretary or calling Robert Thompson at the Ethics Commission directly at 305.350.0630.

Sincerely,

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From: Eve Boutsis [mailto:eboutsis@ngf-law.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2008 3:43 PM
To: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Cc: Milli Membiela
Subject: FW: CAHSA Informal request
Importance: High

Victoria:

As per our discussion earlier today, Milli Membiela, is a volunteer appointed member of the Housing Authority of The City of Miami Beach, appointed by the mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach. Ms. Membiela works as a lending director for Miami Dade Affordable Housing Foundation, Inc (MDAHF), which is not a part of the county. The MDAHf is a 501c3 founded by Housing Finance Authority. It has its own Board and is a private entity.

She was appointed to CAHSA by the County Commission. Below is the scope of responsibility for the

CAHSA. Attached is the letter to Ms. Membiela by the County appointing her to the CAHSA.

CAHSA has no funding or responsibility relating to financing grants, etc. MDAHf does private funding to individuals of low income. Again, no relationship between CAHSA, MDAHf, or HACMB. HACMB may seek grants or funding from different sources, including Miami-Dade County, but not from CAHSA.

I do not see a conflict. When we spoke earlier today you also did not perceive a conflict. Nevertheless, I wanted to confirm the information we discussed, I wanted to provide you with the actual documents and ensure that my board member (actually, she is now my acting chair) does not have a conflict.

Take care and thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Eve

Eve A. Boutsis,

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THANK YOU.

See: Attachments and information enclosed below.



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**Miami-Dade Community Affordable Housing Strategies Alliance (CAHSA) Meeting
Scheduled for July 10**

(Miami-Dade County, FL) -- Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) has established the Miami-Dade Community Affordable Housing Strategies Alliance (CAHSA) as a permanent advisory board. CAHSA will hold its first meeting as a permanent body on July 10th, 2008, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Historical Museum of Southern Florida (101 West Flagler Street), Lower Level Meeting Room.

The BCC established CAHSA in May 2006 as a temporary task force to assist in addressing the housing crisis in Miami-Dade County. CAHSA submitted its final report to the BCC on April 26, 2007. Now a permanent advisory body pursuant to Ordinance 07-121, CAHSA is specifically tasked with:

- Monitoring existing housing policies which have been adopted by the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, Miami-Dade Housing Agency and other departments of Miami-Dade County that administer affordable housing programs;
- Serving as a vetting tool for the Consultant of the Comprehensive Housing and Intervention Plan and post planning phases;
- Providing review analysis into the development of the Comprehensive Housing and Intervention Plan; and
- Serving in an advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners, the Mayor, and other governmental entities with respect to affordable housing issues.

For additional information, please contact Sheila Martinez, Office of Community and Economic Development, 786-469-2193

Who: Miami-Dade Community Affordable Housing Strategies Alliance (CAHSA)

What: Miami-Dade Community Affordable Housing Strategies Alliance (CAHSA) Advisory Board Meeting

When: July 10, 2008, 2:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Where: Historical Museum of Southern Florida
Lower Level Meeting Room
101 West Flagler Street

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From: Milli Membiela [mailto:membiela@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2008 11:23 AM
To: Eve Boutsis
Subject: CAHSA

It is a permanent advisory board created by the BCC. The BCC established CAHSA back in 2006 as a temporary task force (as a result of the House of Lies). Now it became a permanent advisory board. I was an alternate at the beginning at I ask you the same question and the answer was on no-conflict. Now I am not an alternate anymore but an official member. I am attaching the letter from the Co. Manager's office.

Thanks a million.

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