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From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Monday, November 05, 2012 2:05 PM
To: Castro, Vivian (DIST6)
Cc: Barroso, Hiram (DIST6); Orbis, Jr Manuel (DIST6)
Subject: INQ - Commissioner Rebeca Sosa - Item 8(G)(2)

Ms. Castro:

Commissioner Sosa has asked for an opinion as to whether she would have a prohibited conflict of interest, pursuant to the Miami-Dade Conflict of Interest and Code Of Ethics Ordinance, if she were to vote on item 8G2, an interlocal agreement with the Miami-Dade School Board for the Drivers' Education program. It is my understanding that this is an agreement whereby the County would provide grant funds to the School Board for the provision of Drivers' Education by the School Board in the approximate amount of \$388,095. These funds would be granted in accordance with the process for the award of such funds which is open to qualified organizations that may wish to apply. The School Board was the only eligible qualified organization to submit a letter of interest. The program is countywide in nature, with Driver's Education programs being provided in public schools throughout the County. The request is made in view of Commissioner Sosa's fulltime employment with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools at the Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center. It is further my understanding that Commissioner Sosa herself would not be participating in Drivers' education programs, nor would her salary or benefits be affected in any way by the approval of this grant.

Since Commissioner Sosa has no personal or private interest in this program, would not be affected either personally or professionally by it, would not be affected by it in a manner distinct from the manner in which it would affect the public generally, and would not, directly or indirectly, profit or be enhanced by the project, I find that there is no conflict of interest that would prevent Commissioner Sosa from voting on the interlocal agreement concerning the School Board's involvement in this program.

Sincerely,
Joseph M. Centorino
Executive Director and General Counsel
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From: Castro, Vivian (DIST6)
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2012 3:31 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
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Subject: Commissioner Sosa requests an opinion on BCC item 8G2

Good afternoon, Mr. Centorino:

Commissioner Sosa has asked for your opinion on item 8G2 appearing on the November 8, 2012 BCC meeting. The item, 8G2, is an interlocal agreement with the Miami-Dade County School Board for the Drivers' Education program. For your convenience, I have attached the item to this email. Thank you in advance for reviewing the item and providing guidance.

Respectfully,

Vivian Castro
Legislative Director
Miami-Dade County District 6