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From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2013 11:29 AM
To: Palacio, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)
Cc: Castro, Vivian (Office of the Chair); Frigo, Victoria (COE); Sanchez, Gerald (CAO)
Subject: INQ - Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa (Application No. 10, Amendment to CDMP)

Ms. Palacio:

You have inquired on behalf of County Commission Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa regarding whether she would have a prohibited conflict of interest under the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance, in connection with her voting on or otherwise participating in Application No. 10, Educational Element (Application Requesting Amendment to the Comprehensive Development Master Plan) from the October 2012 CDMP Amendment Cycle: Evaluation and Appraisal Report Based Application. This request was made in light of Chairwoman Sosa's current fulltime employment with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools at the Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center.

I have reviewed the application, which involves changes to the Community Development Master Plan Educational Element, in connection with general goals and objectives toward long-term planning for, location of, and changes to educational facilities, programs and services provided in the County, and for communication and coordination between the County and the School District for developments and contingencies affecting present and future educational facilities and programs in the County. It does not appear to involve any intended or identifiable impact on Chairwoman Sosa's current employment with the School District. Inasmuch as there is no presently perceptible conflict and it appears likely that Chairwoman Sosa would not be affected by actions taken in connection with this Application any differently than the public in general, then Chairwoman Sosa has no prohibited conflict of interest in voting on or participating at this point in this matter.

If, in connection any policies or objectives contained in the Application, there should be any future proposed change or other action that could have a direct impact on the Chairwoman's employment at Lindsey Hopkins, or which could in any way cause her to otherwise profit or be enhanced by such action, then it would be appropriate for Chairwoman Sosa to seek further guidance at that time.

I hope that this response provides the necessary guidance sought by Chairwoman Sosa. As always, I am available to discuss any specific questions arising from this opinion with you or the Chairwoman.

Sincerely,
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From: Palacio, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2013 3:54 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Cc: Castro, Vivian (Office of the Chair)
Subject: Request for Conflict of Interest Opinion for CDMP EAR-Based Application No. 10, Educational Element (from Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa)

Good afternoon, Mr. Centorino:

I am writing on behalf of Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa for your opinion regarding an application on the upcoming May 22, 2013 CDMP agenda. Specifically, Chairwoman Sosa would like to know whether she has a prohibited conflict of interest concerning Application No. 10, Educational Element (Application Requesting Amendment to the Comprehensive Development Master Plan) from the October 2012 CDMP Amendment Cycle: Evaluation and Appraisal Report Based Applications. I have attached a scanned copy of the application for your review.

Thank you for your time and help.

Regards,

Vanessa Palacio, Esq.

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