

## Frigo, Victoria (COE)

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**From:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Sent:** Friday, May 31, 2013 11:21 AM  
**To:** Palacio, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)  
**Cc:** Castro, Vivian (Office of the Chair); Sanchez, Gerald (CAO); Frigo, Victoria (COE)  
**Subject:** INQ - Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa

Ms. Palacio:

You have inquired on behalf of Miami-Dade County Commission Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa regarding whether she has a prohibited Conflict of Interest pursuant to the Miami-Dade Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance in voting on or otherwise participating in a Resolution Accepting Animal Services Department (ASD) Partnering with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) in Including Animal Education as part of the Elementary School Curriculum for the 2013-2014 school year. The request has been made in light of the Chairwoman's fulltime employment with MDCPS at the Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center.

It is my understanding that the provision of these services will have no impact on the Chairwoman's position with MDCPS inasmuch as she will not be personally participating in the program, and Lindsey Hopkins Center will not be one of the school sites where the program is implemented. Chairwoman Sosa would not be affected by the resolution any differently than anyone from the general public. She has no financial or other personal interest in this program and does not stand to be personally enhanced by the program in such a way that would create a prohibited conflict of interest under the Ethics ordinance, Section 2-11.1 (d).

Therefore, I have concluded that Chairwoman Sosa may vote on or otherwise participate in the consideration of the above-noted Resolution regarding the partnering of MDC and MDCPS in the provision of an Animal Education at certain designated public schools.

As always, please feel free to call me should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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