

## Frigo, Victoria (COE)

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**From:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 02, 2013 10:42 AM  
**To:** Palacio, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)  
**Cc:** Castro, Vivian (Office of the Chair); Sanchez, Gerald (CAO); Frigo, Victoria (COE); Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Conflict of Interest Opinion for Item No. 130968 (from Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa)

Ms. Palacio:

You have inquired on behalf of Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa regarding whether she has a prohibited conflict of interest in voting on or participating in Item No. 130968, a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACTED SERVICES WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 305-PLAY, EAT AND SUCCEED PROJECT FOR APPROXIMATELY \$185,817.50 AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY'S MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AMENDMENTS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AS REQUIRED BY THE AGREEMENT UPON REVIEW AND FINAL APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY (Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces-PROS). This request has been made in light of Chairwoman Sosa's fulltime employment by the Miami-Dade County Public Schools at the Lindsey-Hopkins Technical Education Center.

This Resolution would have countywide impact and involve a collaborative partnership between MDCPS and PROS to implement a project that reduces the prevalence of childhood obesity for students with disabilities and children in the Head Start Program. The project will focus on improving nutritional habits, increasing physical activity and achieving a healthy weight.

You have indicated that the implementation of this project will not specially affect Chairwoman Sosa, either personally or professionally, and that Chairwoman Sosa would not personally profit or be enhanced in any way by the project. Under these circumstances, and because Chairwoman's Sosa's outside employment is with a government agency, Chairwoman Sosa does not have any prohibited conflict of interest under Section 2-11.1 (d) that would prevent her from voting on or otherwise participating in the Commission's consideration of this item.

Sincerely,  
Joseph M. Centorino  
Executive Director and General Counsel  
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust  
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**From:** Palacio, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 28, 2013 1:18 PM  
**To:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Cc:** Castro, Vivian (Office of the Chair)  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Conflict of Interest Opinion for Item No. 130968 (from Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa)

Mr. Centorino:

To our knowledge, it will not affect the Center or the Chairwoman's position. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Thanks again!

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**From:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 28, 2013 9:46 AM  
**To:** Palacio, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Conflict of Interest Opinion for Item No. 130968 (from Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa)

Vanessa,  
Please advise whether this program will have any impact on the Lindsey-Hopkins Center or on Chairwoman Sosa's position there.  
Joe Centorino

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**From:** Palacio, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 28, 2013 9:15 AM  
**To:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Cc:** Castro, Vivian (Office of the Chair)  
**Subject:** Request for Conflict of Interest Opinion for Item No. 130968 (from Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa)

Good morning, Mr. Centorino:

I am writing on Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa's behalf for your opinion regarding the following resolution. The Chairwoman would like to know whether she has a prohibited conflict of interest in connection with voting or participating on this item.

**130968**— RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACTED SERVICES WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 305-PLAY, EAT AND SUCCEED PROJECT FOR APPROXIMATELY \$185,817.50 AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AMENDMENTS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AS REQUIRED BY THE AGREEMENT UPON REVIEW AND FINAL APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY(Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces)

I have attached a copy of the resolution.

As always, thank you for your assistance in advance.

Most sincerely,

**Vanessa Palacio, Esq.**  
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## Frigo, Victoria (COE)

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**From:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 02, 2013 10:25 AM  
**To:** Palacio, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)  
**Cc:** Castro, Vivian (Office of the Chair); Frigo, Victoria (COE); Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)  
**Subject:** INQ - Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa - A.I.M. INITIATIVE

Ms. Palacio:

This is in response to your inquiry on behalf of Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa regarding whether she has a prohibited conflict of interest in voting on a RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ACTIVELY INVESTING IN MIAMI-DADE AND THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE IN PROMOTING THE TALENT DEVELOPMENT AND RETENTION OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S YOUTH. This "AIM Initiative" will promote world-class training opportunities on behalf of the youth of Miami-Dade County. This request has been made in light of Chairwoman Sosa's fulltime employment with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools at the Lindsey-Hopkins Technical Education Center.

You have informed that the resolution in question will have no special impact on Chairwoman Sosa personally and will not affect her position in the Miami-Dade Public Schools. Since the nature of Chairwoman Sosa's outside employment is with a government agency, and because she will not be specially affected nor will she profit or be enhanced by actions taken pursuant to the resolution, the Chairwoman has no prohibited conflict of interest that would prevent her from voting on or otherwise participating in the Commission's consideration of this item.

Sincerely,  
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Executive Director and General Counsel  
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**From:** Palacio, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 25, 2013 3:02 PM  
**To:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Cc:** Castro, Vivian (Office of the Chair)  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Conflict of Interest Opinion (from Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa)

Mr. Centorino:

We have verified that this initiative will not have any impact on Chairwoman Sosa's position at Lindsey Hopkins and she does not stand to benefit personally in any way from it.

Please let me know if you have any further questions. Thank you!

Vanessa Palacio

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**From:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 21, 2013 11:50 AM  
**To:** Palacio, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)  
**Cc:** Castro, Vivian (Office of the Chair)  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Conflict of Interest Opinion (from Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa)

Ms. Palacio:

Please advise whether this initiative will have any impact on Chairwoman Sosa position at Lindsey Hopkins in terms of enhancing her position, affecting her salary or working conditions, and whether Chairwoman Sosa stands to benefit personally in any way from it. Thanks.

Joe Centorino

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**From:** Palacio, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)

**Sent:** Friday, June 21, 2013 11:19 AM

**To:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)

**Cc:** Castro, Vivian (Office of the Chair)

**Subject:** Request for Conflict of Interest Opinion (from Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa)

Good morning, Mr. Centorino:

I am writing on behalf of Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa for your opinion regarding the following resolution. The Chairwoman wants to know whether she has a prohibited conflict of interest in connection with voting or participating on this item.

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ACTIVELY INVESTING IN MIAMI-DADE AND THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESGINEE IN PROMOTING THE TALENT DEVELOPMENT AND RETENTION OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S YOUTH

I have attached a scanned copy of the resolution.

As always, thank you for your assistance in advance.

Most sincerely,

**Vanessa Palacio, Esq.**

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