

Frigo, Victoria (COE)

From: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, October 15, 2013 11:53 AM
To: 'Gonzalo Planas'
Cc: John T Hall; Grodnick, William; Lebowitz, Lawrence (COE); Centorino, Joseph (COE); Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE); Penichet, Breno P. (COE)
Subject: INQ 13-254 Gonzalo Planas Ethics Opinion

Mr. Planas,

After speaking with William Grodnick, City Attorney at the City of Hialeah, I am sorry to inform you that you cannot accept part-time employment with the City of Hialeah because G&R Electric Corp., a company owned by your parents, has contracts with the City.

The City of Hialeah Ethics Code at Sec. 26-32 specifically prohibits City employees and their family members from contracting with the City. The City Code does not include a waiver provision to overcome this ban.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact our office or Mr. Grodnick at 305 883-5853.

Sincerely,

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From: Gonzalo Planas [<mailto:gplanas@bellsouth.net>]
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 4:22 PM
To: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Cc: John T Hall
Subject: Ethics Information for Gonzalo Planas

Ms. Frigo,

Good afternoon, it was a pleasure speaking with you a couple of days ago.

As per our discussion, here is a summary of what you asked for as well as a description of what I am trying to do:

- I am currently trying to obtain a part-time and/or on call electrical inspector position with the City of Hialeah. Main reason is to have some additional income as well as gain more knowledge
- As we spoke, I am also an employee in my fathers electrical contractor business. He and my mother, Maria T Planas, are the owners of G&R Electric Corp. My father is also the qualifier and I am the secondary qualifier

- We are currently, and have in the past, worked on contracts for the City of Hialeah. At this moment we have (2) contracts. One for a 72 unit elderly housing building, that will be complete within the next month, and the other is for a recreation center that should be complete by the end of the year.
- These are public bids and we will continue to try and win more bids as they are available.
- We also sometimes have smaller jobs within the city of hialeah, not owned by the city.
- I understand that I will not inspect my company's work or anything related to it. I just seek official instructions or clarification from the Ethics board before I proceed to accept any position.

I have also copied Mr. John Hall to this email. He is the city Cheif electrical inspector. I assume that I will be working under him.

Please let me know if you need any other information in order to have an official recommendation or letter.

Also, when you send the letter please copy John Hall as well.

Thank You

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