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From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 3:44 PM
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 (CAHSD)

Ms. Palacio:

You have inquired on behalf of Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa regarding whether she has a prohibited conflict of interest in voting on or otherwise participating in Item No. 131868, A Resolution Authorizing the County Mayor or his designee to enter into agreements with Miami-Dade Public Schools (MDCPS) for provision of Adult Education Classes with Miami-Dade Community Action and Human Services Department (CAHSD). These classes would be held at various Community Action agency centers around the county.

Chairwoman Sosa is a fulltime employee of the Miami-Dade Public Schools and works at Lindsey-Hopkins Technical Education Center. The MDCPS is a government agency, not a private business entity, where an employment relationship with an affected entity on a matter coming before the BCC would create a prohibited conflict under Section 2-11.1(d) of the Miami-Dade Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance. It is also my understanding that Chairwoman Sosa, either in her capacity as a school employee or as a private citizen, would not, directly or indirectly, profit or be enhanced by any action of the Board on this matter.

Therefore, it is my opinion that Chairwoman Sosa may vote on or otherwise participate in the consideration of this item by the Board of County Commissioners.

Sincerely,
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From: Palacio, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2013 4:33 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Cc: Castro, Vivian (Office of the Chair)
Subject: Request for Conflict of Interest Opinion for Item No. 131868 (from Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa)

Good afternoon, Mr. Centorino:

I am writing on Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa's behalf because she would like to know whether she has a prohibited conflict of interest regarding the following item:

131868--RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE ACTION IN ENTERING INTO AN ADULT EDUCATION AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR PROVISION OF ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

I have attached a copy of the resolution.

Thank you very much for your time and help, and I hope you have a pleasant weekend.

Vanessa Palacio, Esq.

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