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From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 11:57 AM
To: Walters, Vivian (ISD)
Subject: Request for Ethics Opinion- INQ 13-308

Dear Mr. Walters,

You have inquired whether serving as a volunteer board member for the Broward County Consumer Protection Board (BCCPB) would create a conflict of interest with your employment as a County contract development specialist with the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources. You advise that your current job responsibilities include reviewing all contracts issued by the County in order to determine opportunities for small businesses. You further advise that your role as a board member in BCCPB would include reviewing consumer complaints and addressing consumer grievances in Broward County. The County Ethics Code does not prohibit you, from serving as a member of the BCCPB in a volunteer capacity.

Sec. 2-11.1 (j) of the County Ethics Code prohibits County employees from engaging in certain activities that would impair their independence of judgment in the performance of their public duties to the County.

We concur with your supervisor that you are unlikely to be confronted with issues on the Broward County Consumer Protection Board that would impair your judgment or divide your loyalties as a County contract development specialist. Thank you for bringing this question to our attention and for your volunteer service in your local community.

Sincerely,

Gilma (Mimi) Diaz-Greco
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From: Walters, Vivian (ISD)
Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2013 4:03 PM
To: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Cc: Vivian Walters Jr. (vivianw.jr@gmail.com)
Subject: RE: Board Appointment

Thank you!

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From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2013 2:31 PM
To: Walters, Vivian (ISD)
Subject: RE: Board Appointment

Dear Ms. Walters,

I am in receipt of your email. I will review this matter and respond shortly.

Best regards,

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From: Walters, Vivian (ISD)
Sent: Monday, December 02, 2013 4:15 PM
To: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Cc: Vivian Walters Jr. (vivianw.jr@gmail.com)
Subject: Board Appointment

Good Afternoon;

I was recently appointed to a board, (**Broward County Consumer Protection Board**), in a volunteer capacity. I am not aware of any conflict; however, when I'm appointed to a board, or any community service of this kind, I always seek in writing from this Body, if any *conflict of interest* exist.

Please advise.

Regards,

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