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Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2013 2:02 PM
To: Palacio, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)
Cc: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Subject: INQ - Commissioner Rebeca Sosa (Lease Agreement with School Board (Arcola Lakes Park))

Ms. Palacio:

You have inquired on behalf of Commission Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa regarding whether there is a conflict of interest that would prevent her from voting on Resolution 130289, which would approve an amendment to an existing lease agreement between Miami-Dade County and the School Board of Miami-Dade County. Currently, a portion of Arcola Lakes Park occupies land owned by the School Board and leased by the County. This amendment would provide for the leasing of land adjacent to the park from the School Board by the County's Property Management Section of the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (PROS) to be utilized for the construction of a new senior center building on that property as well as for ancillary county services to that building.

Chairwoman Sosa is employed fulltime by the Miami-Dade Public Schools at the Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center. It is my understanding that there is no connection between the project or property that are the subject of the lease amendment and Chairwoman Sosa's position with the School Board, and that neither her position nor her salary will be affected in any way by the passage of this resolution. It is my further understanding that she would not be affected by this project in a manner distinct from the manner in which it would affect the public generally, and would not, directly or indirectly, profit or be enhanced by the project.

Under these circumstances, it is my opinion that Chairwoman Sosa has no prohibited conflict of interest that would prevent her from voting on this matter, and, therefore, that Chairwoman Sosa may participate and vote on the matter of the aforesaid resolution.

Sincerely,

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