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From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2013 5:32 PM
To: Palacio, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)
Cc: Sanchez, Gerald (CAO); Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Subject: INQ -Commissioner Rebeca Sosa (Homestead Educational Facilities Benefit District)

Ms. Palacio:

You have inquired on behalf of Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa whether she would have a prohibited conflict of interest in connection with her voting on or participating on an upcoming item (No. 130433) involving the repeal of Ordinance 05-14. The item would dissolve the Homestead Educational Facilities Benefit District ("District") and terminate the County's interlocal agreement with the Miami-Dade County School Board, City of Homestead and the District. The District was established several years ago to provide for special funding sources for educational facilities in the Homestead area. The District has expended the funds that it generated and completed the projects that it initiated. There is no longer any need for the District, and, therefore, it is being dissolved by this action. Chairwoman Sosa's district does not include the affected area.

Chairwoman Sosa is a fulltime employee of the Miami-Dade Public Schools at the Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center. It is my understanding that her position with the school district would not be affected in any way by the proposed action. I understand that she would not, in any way, profit or be enhanced by the proposed action and would not be affected by the item any differently than members of the public in general. It is my opinion, therefore, that Chairwoman Sosa does not have any prohibited conflict of interest, and, therefore, that she may participate in and vote on the item in question.

Sincerely,
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From: Palacio, Vanessa (Office of the Chair)
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2013 3:28 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Cc: Castro, Vivian (Office of the Chair)
Subject: Request for Conflict of Interest Opinion for Item Appearing on April 2, 2013 BCC (from Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa)

Good afternoon, Mr. Centorino:

I am contacting you on behalf of Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa to request your opinion on the following resolution, because she would like to know if there is a conflict of interest for her:

130433 - ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 05-14 FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HOMESTEAD EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES BENEFIT DISTRICT ("DISTRICT"); DISSOLVING THE DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE TO TERMINATE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, CITY OF HOMESTEAD AND THE DISTRICT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, EXCLUSION FROM THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

I have also attached a copy of the resolution.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Most sincerely,

Vanessa Palacio, Esq.

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