



**PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF NORTH MIAMI
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF HOUSING APPLICATIONS**

The City of North Miami is a recipient of federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Programs. In 2008-2009, the City received \$2,847,089.00 through the CDBG Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP 1) to facilitate the purchase and rehabilitation of foreclosed properties within the City. In 2011, the City received \$1,173,374.00 through the CDBG Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP 3) to benefit low, moderate, and middle income individuals in the rental of foreclosed properties within the City.

The City has received applications from the following: Daphney Elie-Romelus, an income eligible applicant, relative of an employee at the City, working in the capacity of Executive Assistant to the City Manager, to rent an NSP 3 Unit; Daniel Calixte, an income eligible applicant, who is an employee of the City, working in the capacity of Senior Program Coordinator in the Social Services Division, to purchase a home through NSP 1; and Bereta Salmon, relative of an employee at the City, working in the capacity of Account Clerk in the Utility Billing Department. The Federal Government's Code of Federal Regulations, 24 CFR Section 92.356(c) states that:

“(b) Conflicts Prohibited. The general rule is that no person described in paragraph (c) of this section who exercise or have exercised any functions or responsibilities with respect to the CDBG activities assisted under this part, or who are in a position to participate in a decision making process or gain inside information with regard to such activities, may obtain a financial interest or benefit from a CDBG-assisted activity or have a financial interest in any contract, or agreement with respect to a CDBG-assisted activity either for themselves or those with whom they have business or immediate family ties, during their tenure or one year thereafter...”

“(c) Persons Covered. The conflict of interest provisions of paragraph (b) of this section apply to any person who is an employee, agent, consultant, officer, or elected official or appointed official of the participating jurisdiction, State recipient, or sub-recipients which are receiving HOME funds.”

Exception

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) may grant an exception to these provisions and allow Ms. Elie-Romelus to occupy the NSP 3 Rental Unit, Ms. Bereta Salmon to receive paint assistance, and Mr. Calixte to purchase a home, providing the City publicly discloses the nature of the potential conflict in addition to retrieving an opinion from the City Attorney that the interest(s) for which we are seeking the exception is not in violation of State or Local law.

The potential conflict of interest in this case arises from the fact that Ms. Elie-Romelus is related to an employee of the City of North Miami, and the City is a recipient of NSP 3 funding. Mr. Calixte is an employee of the City of North Miami, and the City is a recipient of NSP 1 funding. Mrs. Bereta Salmon is related to an employee of the City of North Miami, and the City is a recipient of CDBG funding.

The City Attorney's Office has reviewed all documentation for these applications and issued a legal opinion regarding the potential conflict(s) of interest. In their opinion, the applications of Ms. Elie-Romelus, Mr. Calixte, and Mrs. Salmon, do not violate State or local law or any City administrative policies.

Public Comment

Residents are encouraged to review the complete opinion and provide written comments. Copies of the opinion are available for review at the Community Planning and Development Department, located at 12400 N.E. 8th Avenue, North Miami, FL 33161 during regular business hours, Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the 10-day period to commence on September 3, 2019 and will end on September 13, 2019. Comments may be submitted to the Community Planning & Development Department by mail, in person, or by e-mail to mjean-pharuns@northmiamifl.gov.

City of North Miami
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