

Walker, Ardyth (COE)

To: Alfie Sergio

Subject: RE: Conflict of Interest?

As a community council member, any meetings between you and another council member regarding issues that may come before the Community Council are subject to the Sunshine Law. The Sunshine Law does not prohibit you from meeting with another member of the same council in a community meeting where matters outside the jurisdiction of the Community Council are discussed. Therefore, you may meet with the Steering Committee to discuss incorporation matters. Although not required by law, for your protection, you may want to maintain records of all matters that were discussed during the community meetings. Further, if the discussion during any community meeting veers into matters that may come before the Community Council, you should leave the meeting and not make any public comments.

You should also take care to avoid any possible Jennings violations during community meetings. The Jennings Rule prohibits you from discussing any zoning matter which may come before the Community Council. Therefore, you must avoid any discussions with anyone at any time regarding any zoning matter that may come before the Community Council.

If you have any further questions, please call me at 350-0616.

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From: Alfie Sergio [mailto:ASergio@wlaf-law.com]

Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2004 3:05 PM

To: awalker@miami-dade.gov

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Dear Ms. Walker:

Pursuant to our conversation this morning, I am hereby e-mailing you with my concerns. As I explained to you, I was formerly a member of the Cutler Ridge Municipal Advisory Committee ("CR MAC"). The CR MAC sunset in October 2003 upon completion of its task and we are now Citizens of the Cutler Ridge area involved in the process of incorporation. I am now a member of Community Council 15 (sworned and trained by Gianni Lodi yesterday). Here's the issue: The Chairperson of the Cutler Ridge Steering Committee is also a member of Community Council 15. Since the Cutler Ridge Incorporation is on the Agenda for the Planning Advisory Board meeting on March 8th, the community of Cutler Ridge is having a series of meetings to strategize for this presentation. On Feb. 16, we are having one of these meetings. I would appreciate your opinion on the guidelines that we should follow for these types of meetings, if any.

Once again, I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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