

**Meyers, Robert (COE)**

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**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 15, 2008 11:57 AM  
**To:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Subject:** Inquiry

I received a phone call from Nancy Simon, Vice-Mayor of Miami Lakes and a subsequent fax regarding a letter she wishes to send out on official letterhead to town residents advising some of them of a precinct change that will affect where they vote. Vice-Mayor Simon appears on the ballot but only as a candidate for an officer position on the local executive committee of one of the political parties. The letter in question does not mention any ballot questions nor does it ask the residents to vote for a particular candidate – it merely is an informational piece distributed to the voters in the Vice-Mayor's town impacted by the precinct change.

I asked Vice Mayor Simon why she felt compelled to send this letter rather than let the county's Supervisor of Election notify the affected parties. The Vice Mayor stated that she wanted to be certain the voters received this information and they would be more likely to open a letter with the town seal.

I spoke to Chairman Rosenthal and Victoria Frigo and Chairman Rosenthal indicated he opposed her sending the letter out with the city seal without authorization of the town council. Alternatively, the town clerk on her own initiative could mail this information out to the affected voters. I left a message on Vice Mayor Simon's voicemail informing her that she should not send the letter with the city seal unless it is approved by the council.

Robert Meyers  
August 15, 2008

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Sample Letter

August 11, 2008

Myriam De La Asuncion  
8280 NW 166Th Terrace  
Miami Lakes FL 33016

Dear Ms. De La Asuncion:

This letter is to remind you that the Miami-Dade County Elections Department has changed your polling place from Precinct 352, Miami Lakes Community Center, 15151 Montrose Road, Miami Lakes, to Precinct 390, Bob Graham Education Center, 15901 N.W. 79 Avenue, Miami Lakes, to allow for a more equitable distribution of voters between the polling places.

The aforementioned precinct change will create a more efficient voting process. The Miami-Dade County Elections Department is in the process of sending out new voter registration cards denoting your new precinct information. If you are not in receipt of your new voter registration card by August 18, 2008, please contact the Miami-Dade County Elections Department at (305) 375-5553. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (305) 979-7252.

Sincerely,

Nancy Simon  
Vice-Mayor, Town of Miami Lakes