

**Frigo, Victoria (COE)**

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**From:** Frigo, Victoria (COE)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 07, 2010 3:13 PM  
**To:** 'Richard Stauts'  
**Subject:** INQ 10-121 Florida City CRA

Mr. Stauts,

I have researched your inquiry about tenants of a CRA board member participating in a CRA-sponsored program and have concluded that the Miami-Dade County Ethics Commission does not have authority to opine in this matter.

The Florida Statutes governing community redevelopment agencies state: "The officers, commissioners, and employees of a community redevelopment agency created [under State Law] shall be subject to the provisions and requirements of Part III of Chapter 112."<sup>1</sup> Chapter 112 of the Florida Statutes is the State Code of Ethics, which is interpreted solely by the State Commission on Ethics.

Additionally, the By-Laws of the Florida City CRA reiterate: "The members, officers, commissioners, employees of the Agency, and Department Heads of the City shall be subject to the provisions and requirements of Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes."<sup>2</sup>

We appreciate your concern about ethical dealings within the CRA and are sorry that we cannot help you with this matter. You may wish to contact the State Commission on Ethics if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Victoria Frigo, Staff Attorney

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<sup>1</sup> Fla. Stat. 163.367 (1) (2009).

<sup>2</sup> Florida City CRA By-Laws, Article IX, "Conflicts of Interest," at 9.1.

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**From:** Richard Stauts [mailto:craexdir@floridacityfl.gov]  
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**To:** Frigo, Victoria (COE)  
**Cc:** Otis Wallace  
**Subject:** Follow up on our phone conversation last week

Thank you for taking time with me last week about Erick Deeb serving on our CRA Board. I have written an explanation of the issue as an attachment, as well as providing you a copy of the CRA Bylaws and the Policies of the Program in question.

Please call me if you have any questions.

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