

Frigo, Victoria (COE)

From: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2012 1:17 PM
To: 'Bob Welsh'
Cc: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Subject: INQ 12-12 County Campaign Practices Ordinance

Mr. Welsh,

In response to your questions about election laws, your interpretation of the County voluntary and mandatory campaign practices ordinances is correct.

Your other questions relate to state elections laws. You may wish to contact the State Departments I referenced in my earlier email, or follow the link bellows:

Florida Elections Statute

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0100-0199/0106/0106ContentsIndex.html&StatuteYear=2011&Title=%2D%3E2011%2D%3EChapter%20106

Florida Division of Elections

<http://election.dos.state.fl.us/index.shtml>

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bob Welsh [mailto:bobnoxious928@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2012 9:32 PM
To: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Cc: <DivElections@dos.state.fl.us>; Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Subject: Re: Anonymous gift of \$1000 cash

Dear Victoria and Joseph,

So how much may I spend to sway South Miami voters on races that I am not a part of. On Friday 1/13/12 I just qualified as a candidate for S. Miami Commission Group III.

My first amendment rights are sacrosanct and I see no benefit in signing Miami-Dade's Voluntary Fair Campaign Practices pledge, yet I am bound by MD Ordinance 7/17/98 Sec 2-11.1.1 (C) Mandatory Fair Campaign Practices which says that I may not publish any untrue statement about another candidate. I am assuming unless otherwise instructed that I may publish true statements about other candidates that are in other races besides mine, because I see no prohibition against that. 1) Do you know of any.

I have spent about half of the anonymous thousand dollar contribution I received with instructions to "stay active". I have opened a campaign checking account for my own campaign. I am composing a historical paper about the zoning changes permitted by former Mayor Julio Robaina while he was mayor 10+- years ago. 2) I assume that I need to pay for it with the money I received from the anonymous donation and not my own campaign account. When I go to sign it and take responsibility for writing it 3) should I sign "POLITICAL ADV PAID FOR AND APPROVED BY BOB WELSH FOR S.MIAMI COMMISSION GROUP III NOT ASSOCIATED WITH PHILIP STODDARD FOR S.MIAMI MAYOR CAMPAIGN. 4) Do I have my 1st amendment right to pass out electioneering material for other campaigns while I pass out my own electioneering material.

South Miami politics is very nasty because everybody wants to build us big and make a ton of money. People fight like crazy over Boardwalk and are genteel about Baltic Ave. Our politics has been cursed by our wonderful location, great charm and relative lack of dense development. Please respond ASAP because I hate the drive from Miami to Tallahassee. Please CC Tracy Aulet. Thank you, Bob Welsh 3056674176. Bobnoxious928@Yahoo.com

Sent from my iPad

On Dec 28, 2011, at 10:36 AM, "Frigo, Victoria (COE)" <FRIGOV@miamidade.gov> wrote:

> Mr. Welsh,
> Your question about campaign contributions falls within Florida
> Election Laws. Our Executive Director, Joe Centorino, has asked me to
> forward your email to the Florida Division of Elections for further guidance.
> You may also wish to call the Elections Hotline at 877 868-3737.
> Additional contact information is available at
> <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/contact-us/division-addresses.shtml>.
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> Sincerely,
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Bob Welsh [mailto:bobnoxious928@yahoo.com]
> Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2011 11:47 AM

> To: Ethics (COE)
> Subject: Anonymous gift of \$1000 cash
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> Hi, I'm Bob Welsh. I do a lot of volunteering in South Miami. I
> witnessed bogus ethics charges lobbed against Commissioner
> Beasley, Commissioner Newman and Commissioner Sellars when I came with
> other friends to testify of their good character in front of your Board.
> I have been described as South Miami's Paul Revere. I can put 3800
> flyers under the 3800 accessible doormats in six days. I suppose there
> are a lot of people associated with losing political campaigns that
> would like to shut me up. Recently, within the last week or so I came
> home and found an envelope under my door with my name on it that said,
> "Stay Active". The note had \$1,000 cash in it.
> What is the total amount of money that I may spend in each calendar
> year informing people of issues like our City Manager's desire to
> expand South Miami borders northwest to Tropical Park and southwest
> to the Palmetto and 878 WITHOUT having to become a political action committee?
> How much may I spend per calendar year advocating for one particular
> candidate or the other without having to become a political action
> committee? Can I consider any of this money reimbursement for money
> already spent on paper and toner for advocacy already performed. RSVP
> ASAP Thank You. "Bicycle Bob" Welsh, 7437 SW 64 Ct, S.Miami, FL 33143
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