

**Frigo, Victoria (COE)**

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**From:** Ramos, Miriam S. (COE)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 17, 2012 3:35 PM  
**To:** Eve Boutsis (eboutsis@fbm-law.com)  
**Cc:** Ceden, Rachele (COE); Centorino, Joseph (COE); Frigo, Victoria (COE)  
**Subject:** INQ 12-143

Eve,

I have spoken to Commissioner Cooper and have explained that any publication paid by the village must be neutral - he is free to state the pros and cons on the issue but cannot take a side. I also explained that he has every right to put out literature which does take a side as long as the village is not paying for it. He understood.

Have a great weekend.

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**From:** Eve Boutsis [<mailto:eboutsis@fbm-law.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 17, 2012 10:05 AM  
**To:** Ramos, Miriam S. (COE)  
**Subject:** Re: 106.113 (2), F.S.

Thanks miriam.

*Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE DROID*

-----Original message-----

**From:** "Ramos, Miriam S. (COE)" <[MSRAMOS@miamidade.gov](mailto:MSRAMOS@miamidade.gov)>  
**To:** [eboutsis@fbm-law.com](mailto:eboutsis@fbm-law.com)  
**Sent:** Fri, Aug 17, 2012 09:54:01 EDT  
**Subject:** Fwd: 106.113 (2), F.S.

Eve,

Please see below. In our opinion, it is best if he refrains.

Miriam

Sent from my iPhone please excuse typos.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Centorino, Joseph (COE)" <[CENTORI@miamidade.gov](mailto:CENTORI@miamidade.gov)>  
**Date:** August 17, 2012 8:37:28 AM EDT  
**To:** "Ramos, Miriam S. (COE)" <[MSRAMOS@miamidade.gov](mailto:MSRAMOS@miamidade.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: 106.113 (2), F.S.

I think it is a close call. By labeling some issues as Thumbs Up or Thumbs Down, is he expressly advocating approval or rejection? I think it would be cleaner if it were limited to what he has personally favored or opposed.

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**From:** Ramos, Miriam S. (COE)  
**Sent:** Friday, August 17, 2012 7:36 AM  
**To:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Subject:** Fwd: 106.113 (2), F.S.

Joe,

Please see Eve's email below regarding what we discussed on the phone yesterday and let me know your thoughts.

Miriam

Sent from my iPhone please excuse typos.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "village clerk" <[villageclerk@biscayneparkfl.gov](mailto:villageclerk@biscayneparkfl.gov)>  
**Date:** August 16, 2012 5:45:59 PM EDT  
**To:** <[msramos@miamidade.gov](mailto:msramos@miamidade.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Eve Boutsis" <[eboutsis@fbm-law.com](mailto:eboutsis@fbm-law.com)>, <[attyhearn@aol.com](mailto:attyhearn@aol.com)>  
**Subject:** 106.113 (2), F.S.  
**Reply-To:** <[villageclerk@biscayneparkfl.gov](mailto:villageclerk@biscayneparkfl.gov)>

Miriam: Enclosed are the two articles proposed to be published in the Village newsletter. I believe the one issued by Commissioner Ross is ok for 106.113 purposes. I talked to you about the other article, by Commissioner Cooper. I believe if his comments are removed, the article will be in compliance with 106.113. Please confirm.

As to pending issues before the commission I have advised the commissioners based upon AGO's not to address pending items as it is discouraged by the AG, but, not necessarily prohibited. If you disagree, please advise.

Thanks,

Eve A. Boutsis from the desk of

**Maria C. Camara**

*Village Clerk*

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