

## Frigo, Victoria (COE)

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**From:** Frigo, Victoria (COE)  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 3:09 PM  
**To:** 'ddanie@miamigov.com'  
**Cc:** Centorino, Joseph (COE); Thompson, Robert A. (COE)  
**Subject:** Use of city title (INQ 12-209)

Hello Mr. Danie,

The County Ethics Code does not prohibit City Commissioner Gort from identifying himself as a City of Miami Commissioner (as well as Chairman of the Hemispheric Conference) in an invitation printed on Latin Chamber of Commerce (CAMACOL) letterhead.

The Ethics Commission has consistently held that an elected official does not exploit his official position by identifying himself with the title of his office, as long as no public resources are used. On the other hand, it would be inappropriate for a City Commissioner to utilize public stationery for the invitation you have described, or any other public resources of his or her office. *See* County Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (g) and RQO 05-06.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Danie, Dwight [<mailto:ddanie@miamigov.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 03, 2012 1:25 PM  
**To:** Thompson, Robert A. (COE)  
**Subject:** FW: Latin Chamber of Commerce letter

Hi Robert,

Here is an example

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Is it OK for Commissioner Gort to identify himself as City of Miami Commissioner as well as Chairman of the Hemispheric Conference in an invitation on CAMACOL letterhead to attend the Conference? Please advice. Thank you. Letter is attached.



The Honorable  
Barack H. Obama,  
President of the United States of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Honorable President Obama:

It is with great deal of pride and enthusiasm that we cordial our guest keynote speaker at the closing gala of the 34<sup>th</sup> H Commerce and Industry, to be held on Friday, May 24, 2013 in Florida.

The Latin Chamber of Commerce of the United States, CA organization in Florida. We have had a close partnership mission is to foster entrepreneurial spirit of the business community has developed programs to strengthen international business to facilitate international commerce, and create opportunities for the nation in innovative sectors such as international trade, television and digital media. To this effect, our year-round mission is to develop business opportunities and sponsor activities which benefit the entire nation.

For the past two years we have also been implementing a film festival the Miami Media and Film Market, *Florida's New World* a tremendous success and where the business of film was generated by the synergy between the Hemispheric Congress and the Film Market.

