

**Cedeno, Rachele (COE)**

INQ 12-29

**From:** Ethics (COE)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2012 4:56 PM  
**To:** Cedeno, Rachele (COE)  
**Subject:** FW: Candidate Campaigning for another Candidate  
 INQ for Sally Philips, Candidate for South Miami City Commission

**From:** S.B. Philips [mailto:sallyforsomiami@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2012 10:22 AM  
**To:** Ethics (COE)  
**Subject:** Re: Candidate Campaigning for another Candidate

Thank you. I appreciate, again, your help. - Sally

On Wed, Jan 25, 2012 at 10:14 AM, Ethics (COE) <[ethics@miamidade.gov](mailto:ethics@miamidade.gov)> wrote:  
 Ms. Philips:

Section 104.071(1)(c), Florida Statutes, provides that "It is unlawful for any person supporting a candidate, or for any candidate, in order to aid or promote the nomination or election of such candidate in any election, directly or indirectly to: Give, pay, expend, or contribute any money or thing of value for the furtherance of the candidacy of any other candidate." There is no general prohibition against your merely supporting or campaigning for a candidate in another race, but I would suggest avoiding any connection or appearance of connection between your own campaign resources and expenditures and support you may give to another campaign. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Joe Centorino  
 Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics  
305-579-2594

**From:** S.B. Philips [mailto:sallyforsomiami@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 19, 2012 12:22 PM  
**To:** [tpepe@southmiamifl.gov](mailto:tpepe@southmiamifl.gov); [MMenendez@southmiamifl.gov](mailto:MMenendez@southmiamifl.gov); Ethics (COE)  
**Subject:** Candidate Campaigning for another Candidate

Is it unethical or illegal for a candidate for a commission seat to campaign for a mayoral candidate or a candidate for a different commission seat? That is, as a candidate for Commissioner, Group II, may I legally and ethically campaign for a mayoral candidate and for a candidate for Commissioner, Group III?

Thank you for your help and clarification. --

Sally B. Philips  
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 Please include this with the Sally Philips INQ

**From:** Pepe, Thomas F. [mailto:TPepe@southmiamifl.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 27, 2012 4:55 PM  
**To:** S.B. Philips; Menendez, Maria M.; Ethics (COE)  
**Subject:** RE: Candidate Campaigning for another Candidate

Dear Mrs. Philips:

I have spoken to the City Clerk, the Miami-Dade County Elections Department (Mrs. Reyes), the Florida General Counsel's office (Mr. Gary Holland) as well as reviewing the state, county and city ethics codes, the Miami-Dade County Charter and ordinances and the City Charter and City Code of Ordinances and I have found nothing that would prevent you, as a candidate for a city commission seat, from campaigning for someone else who is also running for a city commission seat, including the mayoral seat. However, you may not use any campaign funds that you receive for your own campaign, to assist the campaign of anyone other than yourself.

Very truly yours,

*Thomas F. Pepe*

*City Attorney  
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