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**From:** Frigo, Victoria (COE)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 05, 2013 11:32 AM  
**To:** 'brunojudge@gmail.com'  
**Cc:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Subject:** Youth Council Vote (INQ 13-20)  
**Attachments:** Ethics Brochure 2010.pdf

Mr. Bruno,

Members of the Miami-Dade Youth Council may vote on draft ordinances submitted from their schools if they can act fairly and impartially.

The County Ethics Code prohibits an advisory board member from voting only if he/she has a particular relationship with the person or entity bringing the issue before the board AND if board member would be directly affected by the vote. Under Sec. 2-11. 1 (v) of the County Code, the prohibited relationships are identified as officer, director, partner, of counsel, consultant, employee, fiduciary, beneficiary, stockholder, bondholder, debtor, or creditor.

It appears unlikely that members of the Youth Council would personally benefit from voting on proposed ordinances or have any prohibited relationships with individuals coming before the board to propose ordinances.

Attached is a copy of the County Ethics Code. If you would also like to receive hard copies of this brochure for your board members, I would be happy to send them to you.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Requesting Opinion: Students Voting within a competition of the MDCYC

To Whom it may concern:

On Tuesday February 26th, 2013, the Miami-Dade County Youth Commission will be hosting its First Annual "It ought to be an Ordinance" Competition. Students from both private and public schools will be presenting a draft ordinance to the members of the MDCYC and honorable guest. Three draft ordinance will be selected for the MDCYC to present to the BCC on their behalf and allow the students to observe the county legislative

process. Students from members of the MDCYC schools are expected to participate in the competition as well as other schools.

Several members from the MDCYC and community volunteers will select draft ordinance to go on to the second round. From my understanding, a conflict of interest will arise for members of the MDCYC to vote on draft ordinance submitted from their schools. Am I right? Could you provide me with additional information on this matter in regards to the conflict of interest? I have attached all relevant documents associated with this competition.

Please advise.

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**Yours professionally,**

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