

**Meyers, Robert (COE)**

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**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 27, 2007 10:33 AM  
**To:** 'Eve Boutsis'  
**Subject:** RE: Removal of Desmond Chin - Finance Director

Eve,

Local government employees must file Form 1 if they have the authority to make any purchase exceeding \$15,000 for the local government unit or if they are specifically enumerated. The finance director of a municipality is not identified as one of the positions required to file, and if the director has no authority to make purchases above \$15,000, I would tend to agree with Mr. Chin's assessment that he is not required to file.

Robert

**From:** Eve Boutsis [mailto:eboutsis@ngf-law.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 27, 2007 9:56 AM  
**To:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Subject:** FW: Removal of Desmond Chin - Finance Director

**From:** Desmond Chin [mailto:dchin@palmettobay-fl.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 27, 2007 9:43 AM  
**To:** Eve Boutsis  
**Subject:** RE: Removal of Desmond Chin - Finance Director

Eve

If I remember correctly the reason I was removed is because I do not have the authority (in this Village) to purchase or bind the Village contractually, and therefore not subject to public influence.

Sincerely,  
Desmond Chin  
Finance Director  
Village of Palmetto Bay  
305-259-1246

**From:** Eve Boutsis [mailto:eboutsis@ngf-law.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 27, 2007 9:31 AM  
**To:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Cc:** Desmond Chin  
**Subject:** FW: Removal of Desmond Chin - Finance Director

Robert:

I forwarded the draft opinion re: Coral Gables disclosure forms, from yesterday's Ethics Commission meeting to

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the department heads in the cities I represent. The Village's finance director was advised by Elections that he does not have to file disclosure form. As I know about the Ethics opinion, I don't want an inadvertent violation of Ethics ruling. Can you advise?

Thanks.

Eve

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IF YOU ARE NOT THE INTENDED RECIPIENT OF THIS E-MAIL, PLEASE NOTIFY US IMMEDIATELY.  
THANK YOU.

**From:** Desmond Chin [mailto:dchin@palmettobay-fl.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 27, 2007 9:14 AM  
**To:** Eve Boutsis  
**Subject:** FW: Removal of Desmond Chin - Finance Director

This is the email received last year (see below). Are there new rules?

Sincerely,  
Desmond Chin  
Finance Director  
Village of Palmetto Bay  
305-259-1246

**From:** Meighan Pier [mailto:mpier@palmettobay-fl.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 30, 2006 9:34 AM  
**To:** 'Desmond Chin'  
**Subject:** FW: Removal of Desmond Chin - Finance Director

Here you go!

Sincerely,  
Meighan Pier, Village Clerk  
Village of Palmetto Bay  
(305) 259-1234

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

**From:** disclosure [mailto:disclosure@leg.state.fl.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 30, 2006 8:04 AM  
**To:** Meighan Pier  
**Cc:** Gonzalez, Martha (Elections)

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**Subject:** RE: Removal of Desmond Chin - Finance Director

Please be advised that Desmond Chin has been removed from this year's list of financial disclosure filers.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

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**From:** Meighan Pier [mailto:mpier@palmettobay-fl.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2006 3:52 PM

**To:** disclosure

**Subject:** Removal of Desmond Chin - Finance Director

Ms. Colbert:

Please remove Desmond Chin, Palmetto Bay's Finance Director, from the listing of officials that are required to file Form 1. Please verify receipt of Mr. Chin's removal from the list.

Thank you..

Sincerely,  
Meighan Pier, Village Clerk  
Village of Palmetto Bay  
(305) 259-1234

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