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From: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2010 2:21 PM
To: 'Guido H. Inguanzo, Jr. (OVC)'
Subject: Financial Disclosure Youth Advisory Council Members (INQ 10-123)

Mr. Inguanzo,

You asked if members of Pinecrest's Youth Advisory Council are required to file financial disclosure, as per the County Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (i).

The Ethics Commission staff has concluded that Youth Advisory Council members may be excused from complying with financial disclosure requirements that are imposed on all other advisory board members.

Our rationale is support by the legal tradition of limiting the responsibilities of minors and granting them more protection than adults. Minors can void most contracts, including sales contracts, and they are treated less harshly than adults when accused of certain crimes. Also, minors are far more protected regarding employment.

We concur with the practice in Pinellas County and at the Miami-Dade School Board that exempts students aged 18 years and younger from filing financial disclosure. Although bound by different laws, these jurisdictions reason that imposing financial disclosure responsibilities on students is an unnecessary burden that lacks justification.

Please feel free to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Financial Disclosure > Youth Advisory Council Members

Ms. Frigo,

The Village Council created a Youth Advisory Council in 2009. The enabling legislation is attached.

Are members of this advisory committee required to file financial disclosure statements pursuant to the county code?

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