

memo

Commission on Ethics

To: File
From: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Date: 12/6/2011
Re: INQ 11-182

Comments: Ileana Petisco, a member of Community Council # 11, sought information regarding a possible voting conflict that may occur in the future. The matter is not currently before her Council and, consequently, is not ripe for an opinion.

The facts are that Ms. Petisco, prior to being elected to the Council, was the president of a nonprofit organization that actively opposed the rezoning of property owned by Krome Agronomics. Ms. Petisco lives about a block and a half away from the subject property.

Krome sought changes to the Master Plan to allow a cemetery on 50 acres of land. Community Council #11 denied Krome's petition, and currently Krome is appealing to the BCC.

Ms. Petisco is no longer associated with the nonprofit organization, but her husband has hired the lawyer that previously represented the nonprofit. The lawyer will advocate for denial of Krome's request before the BCC on behalf of Ms. Petisco's husband.

Ms. Petisco will not make an appearance before the BCC in this matter since the issue may be sent back to her Council for review. If the matter were to be reviewed by the Council, I instructed Ms. Petisco to contact us for advice on a possible voting conflict.

Sec. 20-45 applies to Community Councils.

Ms. Petisco's phone number is 1-305-600-6090