

## Frigo, Victoria (COE)

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**From:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 28, 2013 10:48 AM  
**To:** 'Monestime, Regine'  
**Cc:** Frigo, Victoria (COE)  
**Subject:** INQ - Regine Monestime (North Miami candidates debate))

Ms. Monestime:

You have inquired whether it is permissible for the City of North Miami to co-sponsor a candidate debate with another entity at a city facility. Since this is a civic event that would presumably be open to the public, then the usage of public space for such a public purpose would be permissible under the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance. However, I would suggest that participants and attendees be informed that soliciting or accepting campaign contributions in a public building is prohibited by Section 106.15(4), Florida Statutes.

Sincerely,  
Joseph M. Centorino Executive Director and General Counsel  
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

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**From:** Monestime, Regine [<mailto:rmonestime@northmiamifl.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 27, 2013 5:45 PM  
**To:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Subject:** RE: INQ - Regine Monestime (North Miami)

Good afternoon.

I have a question. Can the City sponsor or co-sponsor (i.e. organize) with an organization, like a chamber of commerce, university, etc., a debate with candidates running for elected office in the city. If so, can such debate be held in a city facility?

Thank you so much



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