

To: Carmen Olazabal; Ariel Fernandez

From: Craig E. Leen, City Attorney for the City of Coral Gables

RE: Legal Opinion Regarding Process For A Resident To Place Item On Agenda

Date: October 22, 2014

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Parramore, Carol

From:

Leen, Craig

ent:

Wednesday, October 22, 2014 4:41 PM

To:

Parramore, Carol

Cc:

Thornton, Bridgette; Figueroa, Yaneris

Subject:

FW: Agenda

Please place in the opinion folder.

Craig E. Leen, City Attorney

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From: Leen, Craig

Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 4:35 PM **To:** Olazabal, Carmen; 'Ariel Fernandez'

Cc: Foeman, Walter Subject: RE: Agenda

Good afternoon, Ariel. If there is a specific item you would like placed on the agenda, you would need to obtain a sponsor under section 2-69(i) of the City Code. That could be the Mayor, a Commissioner, the City Manager, City Attorney, or City Clerk.

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Please let me know if you have any further questions.

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From: Olazabal, Carmen

Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 10:38 AM

To: 'Ariel Fernandez'; Leen, Craig

Cc: Foeman, Walter Subject: RE: Agenda Importance: High

Craig,

Could you please let us know what the process is?

Carmen Olazabal, P.E.

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From: Ariel Fernandez [mailto:ariel@arielfernandez.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 10:29 AM

To: Leen, Craig; Olazabal, Carmen

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Good morning Carmen and Craig,

I hope you are both well.

Quick question. If residents would like to have an item placed on the agenda for discussion, what would the process be?

Thank you both for your time!

Ariel

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