



To: Walter Foeman

From: Miriam S. Ramos, Deputy City Attorney for the City of Coral Gables

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

RE: Legal Opinion Regarding Board Service - Term Limits

Date: May 19, 2015

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This opinion is issued pursuant to Sec. 2-201(e)(1) and (8) of the Coral Gables City Code which gives the City Attorney the authority to issue opinions and interpretations on behalf of the City.

Herbello, Stephanie

From: Leen, Craig
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2015 9:50 PM
To: Herbello, Stephanie
Cc: Ramos, Miriam; Figueroa, Yaneris; Chen, Brigette
Subject: Fwd: Board Service - term limits

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From: "Ramos, Miriam" <mramos@coralgables.com>
Date: May 19, 2015 at 9:46:45 PM EDT
To: "Foeman, Walter" <wfoeman@coralgables.com>
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Sincerely,

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Deputy City Attorney
City of Coral Gables

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