



To: City Commission  
Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark, City Manager

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

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RE: Legal Opinion Regarding Blue Ribbon Pannel

Date: October 14, 2017

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The City Attorney opined members of City Boards could also be appointed to the Blue Ribbon Committee established by the City Commission and provide the following additional legal analysis:

Please note, the relevant provision is section 2-59(f) of the City Code, which limits membership on more than one permanent board at one time (section 2-60(b) has similar language). As this is a temporary ad hoc committee (similar to the prior Charter Review Committee), and not a permanent board, the limitation does not apply.

This opinion is issued pursuant to section 2-201(e)(1) and (8) of the City Code.

**From:** [Leen, Craig](#)  
**To:** [Paulk, Enga](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Memo on Behalf of Commissioner Lago Re: Blue Ribbon Panel  
**Date:** Saturday, October 14, 2017 6:02:15 PM  
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[image001.png](#)

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Please publish. Please include a sentence that this opinion is issued pursuant to section 2-201(e)(1) and (8) of the City Code. Thanks.

**Craig E. Leen, City Attorney**

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**From:** Leen, Craig  
**Sent:** Friday, October 13, 2017 8:21 PM  
**To:** Swanson-Rivenbark, Cathy <[cswanson@coralgables.com](mailto:cswanson@coralgables.com)>  
**Cc:** Fernandez, Frank <[ffernandez@coralgables.com](mailto:ffernandez@coralgables.com)>; Iglesias, Peter <[piglesias@coralgables.com](mailto:piglesias@coralgables.com)>; Ramos, Miriam <[mramos@coralgables.com](mailto:mramos@coralgables.com)>  
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On Oct 13, 2017, at 7:13 PM, Leen, Craig <[cleen@coralgables.com](mailto:cleen@coralgables.com)> wrote:

Yes, members of City boards may serve. It should be viewed similar to the most recent Charter Review Committee in this respect.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 13, 2017, at 5:37 PM, Swanson-Rivenbark, Cathy <[cswanson@coralgables.com](mailto:cswanson@coralgables.com)> wrote:

Craig- Since this is a Blue Ribbon Panel that is constituted only for a short period of time may members of official City Boards sit on the panel?

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**From:** Granell, Chelsea  
**Sent:** Friday, October 13, 2017 5:03 PM  
**To:** Valdes-Fauli, Raul; Keon, Patricia; Frank Quesada; Mena, Michael; Swanson-Rivenbark, Cathy; Leen, Craig; Foeman, Walter; Iglesias, Peter; Fernandez, Frank  
**Cc:** Lago, Vince; Paz, Evelyn; Ochoa, Martha; Levi, Naomi; Lopez, Solanch  
**Subject:** Memo on Behalf of Commissioner Lago Re: Blue Ribbon Panel

Good Afternoon,

Please find enclosed a memo on behalf of Commissioner Lago.

Commissioners, please do not reply all and message me directly with any questions.

Kind regards,

*Chelsea Granell Lindsey, MPA*

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