



To: William Ortiz

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 Signs at Library Polling Location

Date: November 4, 2016

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Officer Garcia has informed me of a complaint regarding campaigns signs on the City's right-of-way and surrounding the Coral Gables Library which is currently being used as an early-voting site. Pursuant to Sec. 102.031, F.S., no person may solicit voters within 100 feet of the entrance to a polling place and this restriction is enforced by the Miami-Dade Elections Department. All signs outside of the 100-foot buffer and in the city's right-of-way are not permitted. Sec. 5-1909(F)(1) of the City's Zoning Code prohibits the placement of campaign signs in the City's right-of-way for aesthetic and public safety reasons. The Code Enforcement Department should, therefore, proceed to remove all the signs placed in our right-of-way (not being held by a person). If particular signs are again placed on the City's right-of-way in the future, please call our office to discuss the issuance of citations.

This opinion is issued pursuant to Sec. 2-201(e)(1) and (8) of the City of Coral Gables Code and Sec. 2-702 of the City of Coral Gables Zoning Code, authorizing the City Attorney's Office to issue opinions and interpretations on behalf of the City.

**From:** [Leen, Craig](#)  
**To:** [Paulk, Enga](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Signs at library polling location  
**Date:** Friday, November 04, 2016 1:06:07 PM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Please publish.

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**From:** Leen, Craig  
**Sent:** Friday, November 04, 2016 1:06 PM  
**To:** Ramos, Miriam; Ortiz, William  
**Cc:** Garcia, Adolfo; Kattou, Michael; Suarez, Cristina; Throckmorton, Stephanie  
**Subject:** RE: Signs at library polling location  
**Importance:** High

Yes, I agree with Miriam. This is important to ensure compliance with the Zoning Code, safety of the right-of-way, and to promote both traffic safety (less visual clutter) and aesthetics.

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**Sent:** Friday, November 04, 2016 12:58 PM  
**To:** Ortiz, William  
**Cc:** Garcia, Adolfo; Leen, Craig; Kattou, Michael; Suarez, Cristina; Throckmorton, Stephanie  
**Subject:** Signs at library polling location

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Sincerely,

*Miriam S. Ramos, Esq.*

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