



To: Walter Foeman, City Clerk

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

RE: Legal Opinion Regarding Procurement Code - Procurement Officer Change

Date: September 28, 2017

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to now read as follows:

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Please notify the Municipal Code Corporation of these administrative corrections.

From: [Leen, Craig](#)
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Subject: FW: Procurement Code - Procurement Officer Change
Date: Thursday, September 28, 2017 4:35:13 PM
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Please publish.

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Celebrating 90 years of a dream realized.

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Yes, I have reviewed, and this can be done administratively. My office will issue an opinion doing so tomorrow.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 26, 2017, at 6:01 PM, Gomez, Diana <dgomez@coralgables.com> wrote:

Hi Craig:

Can you please advise if the following changes can be done administratively?

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Thanks.

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