

**OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT ADVOCATE  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST  
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

#K11-080

Date Opened: 06/03/11

Date Closed: 6/10/11

Investigator: Sylvia Batista

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A story appeared in The Miami New Times regarding the Town of Miami Springs Mayor, Zavier M. Garcia. The article reported that Mayor Garcia's residence has been in foreclosure since 2009, and that the Mayor owes over \$290,000 on the property.

The COE's issue relates to possible violations of the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance Section 2-11.1(i)(1) *Financial Disclosure*.

**Investigation:**

The COE obtained a copy of Mayor Garcia's Statement of Financial Interest (Form 1) filed on 1/4/11. Research conducted on Mayor Garcia in the Miami-Dade County Circuit Court confirmed that there has been a foreclosure action pending against him and his wife since 9/25/10, and that the claim amount is in the sum of \$290,664.35. Mayor Garcia did not disclose the mortgage that is presently in foreclosure on his Form 1.

Research with regard to the payment of property taxes on the Mayor's homesteaded property reflects that taxes on the property were paid in full on 11/23/10.

**06/03/11** - This investigator contacted Mayor Garcia and advised him of required information that is missing from his Form 1. Mayor Garcia immediately filed an accurate amended Form 1 dated 06/06/11.

**Conclusion:**

No violation of the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance was identified. For that reason, no further action will be taken by the COE on this matter.