

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST



REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

#K12-060

Date Opened: 04/04/12

Date Closed: 04/23/12

Investigators: Sylvia Batista

The COE was notified of a fraud allegedly being committed by a former City of North Miami Beach Councilmember who is presently a Florida State Representative in District 104. The information came from an area activist. The concern involves the homestead exemption of State Representative John Patrick Julien ("Julien"). According to the area activist, Julien, when called upon to clarify a residency issue, has claimed that he moved from his homesteaded property in North Miami Beach, into a rented efficiency inside District 104. The issue brought forth is the question of whether under the above-described circumstances Julien is entitled to receive homestead exemption on the North Miami Beach property when he also maintains a residence within District 104.

The COE referred the matter to the Miami-Dade County Office of the Property Appraiser for an inspection of the property. After running an audit on the subject

property, Lazaro Solis, Deputy Property Appraiser, concluded that there is no evidence of a homestead exemption violation for the property in question.

Conclusion:

In view of the fact that there is no evidence of a violation, this matter is closed.