



Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics & Public Trust

Investigative Report

Investigators: Breno Penichet

Case No.: K13-144	Case Name: Financial Disclosure 2011	Date Open:	
Complainant(s): Clerk, Village of Pinecrest	Subject(s): Village of Pinecrest Committee Members	Nov. 12, 2013	

Allegation(s):

The Commission on Ethics (COE) received a request from Guido Inguanzo (Inguanzo), Village of Pinecrest Clerk, requesting assistance concerning failure of several Board members in filling Financial Disclosure.

Relevant Ordinances:

Miami Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance
Sec 2-11.1

(i) *Financial disclosure.*

(1) All persons and firms included within Subsections (a) and (b)(2), (3) and (4) of this section shall file, no later than 12:00 noon of July 1st of each year, including the July 1st following the last year that person is in office or held such employment,

Investigation:

On 11/12/13, the Village Clerk (VC) for the Village of Pinecrest (Village) requested assistance from the COE in obtaining compliance concerning failure of several Board members in filing Financial Disclosure. VC provided the names of three (3) persons delinquent in filing their 2011 Financial Disclosure.

1. Kathy Hersh (Hersh): Community Center Advisory Committee
2. Joyce Paredes (Paredes): Community Center Advisory Committee
3. Patsy Rodriguez (Rodriguez): Pinedrest Gardens Advisory Committee

Attempts were made to contact each individual on the list by email, regular correspondence, certified correspondence and telephone.

Hersh and Rodriguez voluntarily complied by April 14, 2014, by providing the COE copies of their Statement of Financial Interest/Source of Income Statement. All were sent to Miami-Dade Supervisor of Elections Office and the Village of Pinecrest Clerk.

Paredes was contacted by phone on two (2) occasions and provided with the proper documents; COE Investigators M. Diaz and B. Penichet went to Paredes' home address and attempted to contact her with negative results. A letter was sent to Paredes verified address, via the USPS return receipt request, and it was returned signed. As of this date Paredes has not complied.

Document/Audio/Video Review:

1. Letter to Paredes dated 3/24/2014, via USPS with dead line of 4/7/2014.
2. USPS form 3811 receipt of certified mail delivery signed by K. Carmona, delivered to 12401 Pine Needle Lane. Miami, Florida 33156
3. Copies of E-mails sent to Paredes requesting compliance, with hand written notations of phone calls.
4. E-mails to Village Clerk requesting information on Paredes' status

Conclusions:

Compliance was obtained from Hersh and Rodriguez, therefore the investigation in closed.

Paredes has not filed her financial disclosure form. Turned over to Advocate for filing decision.