



Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics & Public Trust

Preliminary Inquiry Report

Investigator: Breno Penichet

Case PI15-021	Case Name: Verification of Law Enforcement status	Date Open: June 25, 2015	CASE CLOSED Date: <u>9/29/2015</u>
Complainant(s): Miami Dade Elections Department	Subject(s): Robert Burke		

Allegation(s):

The COE received a request from the staff of the Miami Dade Elections Department to verify the status of Robert Ingram Burke who is running for public office, and requested that all his personal information be exempted from public records, due to the fact that he was prior Law Enforcement.

Relevant Ordinances:

Citizen's Bill of Rights

2. Truth in Government. No County or municipal official or employee shall knowingly furnish false information on any public matter, nor knowingly omit significant facts When giving requested information to members of the public.

Investigation:

Interviews

COE Investigators reviewed the information provided along with the attached documents. It appeared from the information that Robert C Burke appeared in one form, but in the others he appeared as Robert Ingram Burke. Burke who applied to run for county mayor filed a request that his personal information (home address, telephone number and date of birth) be exempt from the public records portion of FSS: 119. According to Burke's request he was at one time a Law Enforcement or Correctional Officer (LE / CO). According to the Elections staff it was unclear what his status was at this time.

According to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Standards & Training section, there were no records of "Robert Ingram Burke" ever being certified as a LE/CO in the State of Florida. The record check did show there was a "Robert C Burke" employed as a Police officer for the City of Miami Police Department and with the City of Opa-locka Police Department as a Law Enforcement officer during that time frame, it also showed his standards were revoked in 1995.

Robert Ingram Burke
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Mr. Robert Ingram Burke (Burke) was contacted concerning the request received from the Election department. Burke voluntarily agreed to speak with COE investigators and provide information regarding this investigation. According to Burke he was a Police officer with the City of Miami Police Department from 8/1983 to 7/1992. Burke also advised that he was also employed as a police officer with the City of Opa-locka police department from 1993 to 1995. Burke advised that he would contact the City of Miami and obtain a copy of his police certificate (Standards).

Burke further stated that he uses "Ingram" which is his mother's maiden name, but his middle initial is C. as it appears on the FDLE records.

Document/Audio/Video Review:

1. Candidate Oath / with no Party Affiliation / Mayor Miami-Dade dated 6/15/2015.
2. Candidate Oath nonpartisan/ dated 6/11/2015
3. Note form Burke to Ms. Marci Florvis, requesting all personal information is omitted from public access.
4. Affidavit of Undue Burden/ for Mayor City of Miami, Congress District #24, Miami-Dade Mayor / 6/11/2015
5. Appointment of Campaign Treasurer 6/9/2015
6. Statement of Candidate (2) forms 6/19/2015
7. Access to Handbook and the Election Laws of the State of Florida, Mayor Miami-Dade 6/19/2015
8. Campaign Treasurer's report Miami-Dade Electronic Filing Requirements/6/19/2015
9. Copy of Florida Police standards & Training / Law Enforcement

Conclusion(s):

As a result of reviewing of the documents provided, interviews by COE investigators and information obtained from FDLE and the City of Miami PD, it was verified that Burke was a prior Police Detective with the City of Miami PD and a Police officer with the City of Opa-locka Police. The staff at the elections department was advised of the above information. There does not appear to be any Ethics related violations.

Advocate Michael Murawski advised that no further action would be taken. Accordingly, it is recommended that this case be closed.

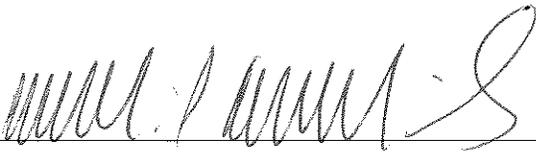
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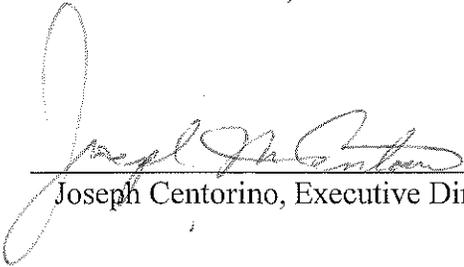


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Approved by:



Michael Murawski, Advocate



Joseph Centorino, Executive Director

9/29/15
Date Closed