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A new opportunity to learn ethical campaigning

Candidates, campaign workers and politically active citizens involved in local elections can do it properly by attending the next Campaign Skills Seminar sponsored by the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust. Votes are scheduled in several cities during the remainder of 2015, including Miami, Miami Beach, Hialeah, Homestead and Virginia Gardens. Additionally, elections for many municipal positions, along with county, state and federal offices, will be held throughout 2016. Attending these sessions will give candidates and their staffs advance preparation.

The two-hour seminar will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, in the Virginia Gardens Town Hall. Speakers -- including representatives from the Ethics Commission and the Elections Department -- will provide essential information on fundraising and record keeping to candidates, campaign treasurers, volunteers and anyone else who wants to understand the legal and ethical obligations, as well as the pitfalls, of running for public office.

The event is free and open to the public. Attorneys can earn Continuing Legal Education credits from the Florida Bar.

**Campaign Skills Seminar
Thursday, June 11, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
Virginia Gardens Town Hall
6498 NW 38 Terrace
Virginia Gardens, FL 33166**

For more information or to reserve a seat, call Robert Thompson at 305-350-0630 or e-mail robthom@miamidade.gov.

The Ethics Commission was created in 1996 as an independent agency with advisory and quasi-judicial powers. It is composed of five members, serving staggered terms of four years each. Through a program of education and outreach, the Commission seeks to empower the community and bolster public trust.

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