

## Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)

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**From:** Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 18, 2016 11:21 AM  
**To:** Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)  
**Subject:** Connie Leon-Kreps, Mayor, North Bay Village (Exploitation, Election Law Violations, F.S. 104.31) INQ 16-232

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**From:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 17, 2016 5:18 PM  
**To:** 'Connie Leon-Kreps' <[cleonkreps@nbvillage.com](mailto:cleonkreps@nbvillage.com)>  
**Cc:** Turay, Radia (COE) <[Radia.Turay@miamidade.gov](mailto:Radia.Turay@miamidade.gov)>; Perez, Martha D. (COE) <[perezmd@miamidade.gov](mailto:perezmd@miamidade.gov)>; Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE) <[Gilma.Diaz-Greco@miamidade.gov](mailto:Gilma.Diaz-Greco@miamidade.gov)>; Murawski, Michael P. (COE) <[Michael.Murawski@miamidade.gov](mailto:Michael.Murawski@miamidade.gov)>  
**Subject:** 16-232 Connie Leon-Kreps, Mayor, North Bay Village (Exploitation, Election Law Violations, F.S. 104.31)

Mayor Leon-Kreps:

We are unable to provide any legal opinions regarding past actions. Anyone who is aware of possible ethics violations may consider filing an ethics complaint or providing the information to the COE staff to determine whether an investigation is appropriate. The information forwarded regarding the placement of political signs has been referred to staff for an inquiry, as you know.

Regarding the email issue, I will address it in the context of future emails of the nature you describe, which I understand is an ongoing matter. Individuals who may be forwarding emails to a Village email address and who are not themselves Village employees or persons under the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission, do not fall under our authority. The receipt of such emails on matters related to political campaigns and not related to Village business is not a violation on the part of the recipient, though it could be a violation on the part of the sender, if that sender is a Village employee. Section 2-11.1(g) of the Ethics Code would not permit use of the Village server or email system by Village officials or employees for political campaign purposes. Such use of a public, taxpayer-supported facility would be an Exploitation of public position under our ordinance. It might also violate Section 104.31, Florida Statutes, as the use of one's official authority to influence an election. You are free to ignore, delete or unsubscribe from any such email. The Manager would have the authority to restrict outside parties from sending political emails to the Village, however, any such restrictions may raise other legal issues depending on the scope and nature of the prohibition and should be reviewed by your Village Attorney.

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**From:** Connie Leon-Kreps [<mailto:cleonkreps@nbvillage.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 10, 2016 10:19 AM  
**To:** Centorino, Joseph (COE) <[Joseph.Centorino@miamidade.gov](mailto:Joseph.Centorino@miamidade.gov)>  
**Cc:** Connie Leon-Kreps <[cleonkreps@nbvillage.com](mailto:cleonkreps@nbvillage.com)>  
**Subject:** FW: Campaign Material received over Village Hall Official E-mail Address

Good morning Mr. Centorino,

I hope all is well with you.

Sir, I am writing to obtain your opinion regarding the following (2) issues:

1- Emails sent inadvertently by residents to the Village to one or other employee in the village RE: campaign issue. while I agree I personally should not be sending emails RE: campaign from the Village email server (this is not the case). The first one was sent to the chief of police by a resident. It did not come from me, nor the village email but an outside server. Other was from a generic list of email addresses used by my campaign staff. Unintentional but somehow, the village managers' email was included. Again it did not come from the Village email server. I have suggested to the manager the option to scroll down and click "unsubscribe" to prevent him from receiving unwanted emails.

I receive many, many and I either ignore, delete or unsubscribe.

Did I commit an unlawful act due to someone else sending these? Again, I did not send and certainly not from the village email server. Does the manager have authority to restrict outside parties from sending emails?

## 2- Signs:

As soon as I started placing my signs, the very next morning the manager on 9/29/2016 sent the attached email. Please note that for over a month and a half there was a sign for the primaries for state senate, in front of my neighbor's house and inches from the street. However, nothing was implemented or enforced by the Village manager. I have neighbors asking why the double standard and why the barriers for freedom of speech?

If you drive around NBI there are signs that are inches from the street, that are for other parties running for office.

I would appreciate receiving you opinion so that I can explain to the residents, who are refusing to move my sign and those who are questioning the double standard.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

Connie Leon-Kreps, Mayor  
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“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much”  
-Helen Keller-

Do your part in keeping our planet "Green", minimize paper usage. Thank you! - North Bay Village.

North Bay Village is a public entity subject to Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes concerning public records. E-mail messages are covered under such laws and thus subject to disclosure.

-----Original Message-----

From: Frank Rollason  
Sent: Wed 10/5/2016 3:56 PM  
To: Connie Leon-Kreps  
Cc: 'rswitkes@switkeslaw.com'; [DAcosta@switkeslaw.com](mailto:DAcosta@switkeslaw.com)  
Subject: Campaign Material received over Village Hall Official E-mail Address

Mayor, I am not responding to any political e-mail. I made you aware of the situation as a courtesy. If I receive more, I will turn it over to the Commission on Ethics. I cannot afford to treat one elected official differently than another or risk being accused of helping or assisting one elected official over another. The best thing for me to do is to forward whatever I receive to the Commission on Ethics and let them handle it as they may deem appropriate. Please note that this particular e-mail was sent from your campaign e-mail address. I would not think it would be too difficult to remove not only my e-mail address but any other official Village e-mail

address from whatever list your campaign staff may be utilizing on behalf of your campaign.

Frank Rollason, Village Manager  
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From: Connie Leon-Kreps  
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2016 3:36 PM  
To: Frank Rollason  
Cc: [rswitkes@switkeslaw.com](mailto:rswitkes@switkeslaw.com); [DAcosta@switkeslaw.com](mailto:DAcosta@switkeslaw.com)  
Subject: Re: Hurricane MATTHEW Update

Frank,

Unfortunately I have no control on what people send.

Nonetheless, if you scroll down it gives you the option to unsubscribe.

I suggest you click on it.

My sources tell me it is Not unlawful only when the email is replied to.

I was not directly the one sending.

Sincerely,

<[http://www.nbvillage.com/Pages/NorthBayFL\\_Commission/logo\\_for\\_com\\_sig.jpg](http://www.nbvillage.com/Pages/NorthBayFL_Commission/logo_for_com_sig.jpg)>

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On Oct 5, 2016, at 10:49 AM, Frank Rollason <[FRollason@nbvillage.com](mailto:FRollason@nbvillage.com) <<mailto:FRollason@nbvillage.com>> > wrote:

Mayor, this is campaign literature coming on my Village e-mail address. PLEASE, this is the second time we have received campaign material from you or your team on official Village e-mail addresses. Please, it has to stop.

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From: Connie Leon-Kreps [<mailto:connie@voteforconnieleonkreps.com>]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2016 10:45 AM  
To: Frank Rollason  
Subject: Hurricane MATTHEW Update

Make Our Great Village Even Better!

View this email in your browser <<http://us14.campaign-archive2.com/?u=4b5281b58ff2c0569c9456880&id=f519de7b35&e=12e93acee5>>

<<http://voteforconnieleonkreps.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4b5281b58ff2c0569c9456880&id=c016d15fec&e=12e93acee5>>

<<http://voteforconnieleonkreps.us14.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=4b5281b58ff2c0569c9456880&id=3e31f335b3&e=12e93acee5>> Dear Frank,

The busiest time in Hurricane Season is coming up and Miami could already be in the path of at least two storms. The National Hurricane Center reports a storm is brewing off the Atlantic Ocean, so this is a good opportunity to make early preparations.

Our campaign office <<http://voteforconnieleonkreps.us14.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=4b5281b58ff2c0569c9456880&id=7d49845a45&e=12e93acee5>> will continue to operate our phone for information and assistance, so please don't hesitate to contact us at (786) 248-1671 <<tel:7862481671>> . Below is a list of items you should have on hand as you prepare for a possible storm:

What supplies do I need?

- \* Water-at least a 3-day supply; one gallon per person per day
- \* Food-at least a 3-day supply of non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food
- \* Flashlight
- \* Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- \* Extra batteries
- \* First aid kit
- \* Medications (7-day supply) and medical items (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, cane)
- \* Multi-purpose tool
- \* Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- \* Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)
- \* Cell phone with chargers
- \* Family and emergency contact information
- \* Extra cash
- \* Emergency blanket
- \* Map(s) of the area
- \* Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)
- \* Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)
- \* Tools/supplies for securing your home
- \* Extra set of car keys and house keys
- \* Extra clothing, hat and sturdy shoes
- \* Rain gear
- \* Insect repellent and sunscreen
- \* Camera for photos of damage

Emergency contact numbers:

- \* 911 <<tel:911>> Emergencies
  - \* 311 <<tel:311>> Government Information
  - \* Toll-free outside Miami-Dade County: 1-888-311-DADE (3233) <<tel:18883113233>>
  - \* For TTY/TDD call Florida Relay, dial 711
  - \* For AT&T U-verse customers, dial 305-468-5900 <<tel:13054685900>>
  - \* 211 Family Social Services TTY: 305-644-9449 <<tel:13056449449>>
  - \* Florida Power and Light 1-800-4-OUTAGE (800-468-8243 <<tel:18004688243>> ) 711 Hearing Impaired
  - \* Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): 1-800-621-FEMA <<tel:18006213362>> (3362) TDD: 800-462-7585 - [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)
  - \* Miami-Dade Office of Emergency Management - [www.miamidade.gov/oem](http://www.miamidade.gov/oem)
  - \* AT&T 1-888-757-6500 <<tel:18887576500>>
  - \* 611 <<tel:611>> (repairs)
  - \* American Red Cross 305-644-1200 <<tel:13056441200>> [www.redcross.org/fl/miami](http://www.redcross.org/fl/miami)
- <<http://voteforconnieleonkreps.us14.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=4b5281b58ff2c0569c9456880&id=17d3c74a43&e=12e93acee5>>
- \* Poison Control Help Line 800-222-1222 <<tel:18002221222>>

Shelters:

<http://www.miamidade.gov/fire/library/hurricane/hurricane-evacuation-centers.pdf> <<http://voteforconnieleonkreps.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=4b5281b58ff2c0569c9456880&id=8611ea7825&e=12e93acee5>>

Be safe.

Connie Leon-Kreps

Mayor of North Bay Village

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Website <<http://voteforconnieleonkreps.us14.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=4b5281b58ff2c0569c9456880&id=8ec4322d36&e=12e93acee5>>

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