

July 11, 2000

Ms. Katherine Fernandez - Rundle  
State Attorney  
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1350 NW. 12<sup>th</sup>. Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33136

Re: Miami Springs Downtown Ad Hoc Committee sunshine and ethics violations complaint.

Dear State Attorney Rundle:

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The City of Miami Springs Attorney has already gone on record at a council hearing that there in fact appears to be a violation but that it could be excused.

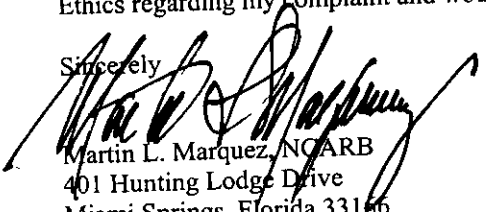
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Both the new and long time citizens of Miami Springs who have chosen to live out their lives in our unique residential community created by famed aviator Glenn H. Curtiss in 1925, and which your office represents; deserve better than this.

To date I have not received notification of any kind from your office or the Dade County Commission on Ethics regarding my complaint and would therefore like to know the status of the investigation at this time.

Sincerely

  
Martin L. Marquez, NCARB  
401 Hunting Lodge Drive  
Miami Springs, Florida 33166  
(305)887-4902

cc: Mr. Robert Meyers, Executive Director Commission on Ethics

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Dear Mr. Marquez:

You provided me with a copy of a letter you sent to Katherine Fernandez-Rundle and I wanted to formally respond. First, the Commission on Ethics and the Dade League of Cities sponsored an ethics seminar at the Wyndham Hotel and I recall that representatives from Miami Springs attended, including the Mayor and the City Attorney. I do not remember, however, specific questions that were posed to the presenters about the actions of a downtown ad hoc committee. As far as the use of hypothetical cases is concerned, you must understand that it would be nearly impossible for us to ascertain the motivations of the individuals asking the questions. Obviously, I generally tend to steer individuals away from asking questions about pending or particular matters as such questions may illicit responses without adequate reflection and deliberation. Based on my recollection of the event, I do not believe the actions of the individuals whom you cited who attended the training behaved in an unethical manner.

I am not suggesting in any way that you do not have a legitimate claim against members of the Ad Hoc Committee; I am simply stating that no suspicion was generated on my part based upon their behavior at the ethics training. If you are aware of other unethical acts or violations of the public trust you believe warrant our attention, I would be happy to meet with you. I can be reached at (305) 579-2594.

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Robert Meyers  
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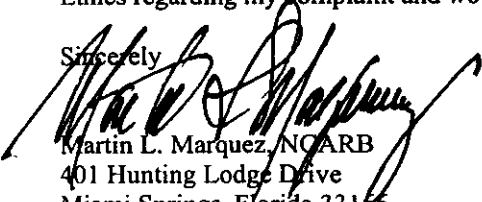
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