

Case Number: K 05-121

Re: Investigation – Mayor Dermer re. Annunziato campaign telephone calls

On or about Nov. 29, 2005, Linda Rosenberg, a City of Miami Beach resident, called the COE hot-line and advised that she received a pre-recorded telephone call from someone claiming to be Mayor Dermer . In the message, Mayor Dermer asks for voter support for commission candidate Mr. Anunziato. The caller is concerned that Mayor Dermer may have used the City’s emergency contact system to obtain her unlisted telephone number.

Robert Parcher, Clerk of City of Miami Beach – 12/01/05

This investigator spoke to Mr. Parcher by telephone. Mr. Parcher explained that the City’s emergency contact system, which is called “Reverse 911 System,” is controlled by the City Manager’s office. The Mayor has no access to the information in the system. Unlisted telephone numbers can be easily obtained by campaigns through service companies who sell lists of voter telephone numbers.

Mr. Parcher agreed to e-mail IT Director Gladys Acosta and City Manager’s Chief of Staff Ramiro Inguanza who would know if the Mayor used the system to obtain telephone numbers and use them politically.

Gladys Acosta – IT Director – 12/2/05

This investigator spoke to Ms. Acosta by telephone. Ms. Acosta explained that only the City Manager has access to the system—the Mayor does not have authority to use the system or obtain information from it. IT is in charge of assuring that the system is only used for emergency purposes. The information on the system can only be accessed by the City Manager’s office.

Gilda Fernandez – City Manager’s office – 12/05/2005

This investigator received a call back from Gilda Fernandez who is covering for Chief of Staff Ramiro Inguanza, who is out of the office. Ms. Fernandez explained that the system has a very limited administrative use which is strictly adhered to. The service is not used by anyone other than the City Manager. Neither the Mayor nor any of the Commissioners have access to it.

Name & Signature:	Sylvia Batista, COE Investigator	Date: Item #:
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