

Case Number: K07-055 Bill Borkin

Re: Interview with Mayor Raymond Marin

On April 24, 2007, Investigators Art Skinner and Breno Penichet interviewed North Miami Beach Mayor Raymond F. Marin at the City Hall, 17011 NE 19th Avenue, North Miami Beach, Florida 33162, (305) 948-2986. Present during the interview City Attorney Howard Lenard, City Manager Kevin R. Klopp, and City Clerk Solomon Odenz. The Mayor gave the following information:

- Marin complained that a local opponent has formed a Political Action Committee (Florida Democracy Project) that is mailing a political advertisement to local residents in North Miami Beach.
- Marin claims that the publication is targeting two Councilmen who are up for re-election. The ads claim that the Councilmen are responsible for the high crime rate, increases in property taxes, and may be illegally accepting campaign contributions from developers. The Mayor stated that this is a violation of Ethics rules (Section 2011.1.1(C)(1) of the Miami Dade Ethical Campaign Practices Ordinance).
- Marin claimed that according to a Campaign Treasurer's Report filed April 7, 2007 with the City Clerk, the Florida Democracy Project Inc. received a \$53,000.00 contribution from Florida Hometown Democracy Inc. The City Attorney stated he called Florida Hometown Democracy Inc. and inquired about the contribution. The Florida Hometown Democracy Inc. denied making the contribution to the Florida Democracy Project Inc.
- The City Clerk stated that three Candidates signed the Declaration for Candidates not automatically covered by Section 2011.1.1(C)(1) of the Miami Dade Ethical Campaign Practices Ordinance. Gary Goldman, Frantz Pierre, and John Patrick Julian.

The material submitted to Ethics Investigators was reviewed there did not appear to be any violation of the Section 2011.1.1(C)(1) of the Miami Dade Ethical Campaign Practices Ordinance.

Name & Signature:	Arthur D. Skinner, Investigator 	Date:	April 25, 2007
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