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September 7, 2010

Joseph M. Centorino
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Public Corruption Bureau
1350 NW 12th Avenue
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RE: alleged Sunshine law violations/ City of North Miami Beach

Dear Joe:

I have enclosed a copy of a letter we received from Mayor Myron Rosner seeking an investigation into alleged Sunshine law violations brought to his attention by City manager Kelvin Baker.

As the Ethics Commission does not have jurisdiction over the Sunshine law, I refer case to you for whatever action you deem appropriate. If I can be of any assistance whatsoever do not hesitate to call.

Regards,



Mike Murawski

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City of North Miami Beach, Florida
City Manager's Office

August 31, 2010

Myron Rosner, Mayor
City of North Miami Beach
North Miami Beach City Hall, 4th Floor
17011 NE 19th Avenue
North Miami Beach, Florida 33162-3100

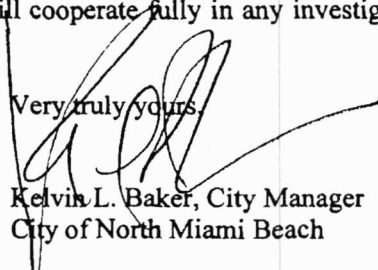
Dear Mayor Rosner:

Please consider this a written complaint concerning conduct of certain City Council Members related to Chapter 286, as it concerns the "Sunshine Law." From time to time, politically powerful citizen activists of the City have contacted Council Members and made demands related to business of the City which is to be discussed at a public meeting or which is pending for discussion. These demands are then circulated among Council Members by Council Members or from activists to Council Members and Council Members to activists as conduits and a consensus of the action to be taken then occurs, before open meeting discussions and vote and the laws and spirit of the Sunshine Law violated.

As City Manager and as an interested citizen, I am obligated to bring this matter to your attention. I am requesting that an investigation be conducted so that such violations can be ferreted out and stopped. In addition, I object to and refuse to participate in any matter which is a violation of the Sunshine Law.

I am available to discuss this matter and will cooperate fully in any investigation by the City.

Very truly yours,


Kelvin L. Baker, City Manager
City of North Miami Beach

Cc: City Attorney



City of North Miami Beach, Florida

MAYOR MYRON ROSNER

September 1, 2010

Mr. Robert Meyers
Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust
19 West Flagler Street
Suite 820
Miami, Florida 33130

Dear Mr. Meyers:

As Mayor of the City of North Miami Beach, I see it as my responsibility to inform your office in governing proper compliance with the Florida Sunshine Law, regarding issues in our city, from Council Members to Council Members, Commission Members to Commission Members, Council Members using the public as conduits and vice versa, and Council Members through Commission Members.

Please see the attached letter from our City Manager, Mr. Kelvin Baker. Many of these violations are within our public records.

The City of North Miami Beach recently hosted an Ethics Training Seminar, mandated and conducted by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust, which should have addressed these violations to prevent their re-occurrence, but it is obvious it was not effective.

I hereby request that an immediate investigation be conducted.

Respectfully,

Myron Rosner
Mayor

Attachment

c: Miami Herald Editor
Willard Shepard, Anchor/Reporter, WTVJ-NBC6
City Manager Kelvin L. Baker
City Attorney Darcee Siegel

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