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From: Murawski, Michael P. (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2010 3:41 PM
To: 'fbarreda@gmail.com'
Subject: FW: Complaint -Germaine Butler

Dear Mr. Barreda:

The activity you are complaining about does not appear to be a violation of the Miami-Dade County fair campaign Practices ordinance which is the ordinance that the Ethics Commission has jurisdiction over. If you maintained copies of the campaign literature that you could provide to one of my investigators we could examine that to see if there is any violation to pursue.

Sincerely,
Michael Murawski
Advocate for the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

To whom it may concern:

I wish to make a complaint against candidate for Pinecrest city council, Germaine Butler for distributing campaign material on Sunday September 19, 2010 while my wife and I were at Mass 8:00 am at the Church of the Epiphany. While my wife and I were at Mass, someone placed a political postcard on the windshield of my car and the cars of several parishoners who were at Mass on Sunday morning. I feel that the act of leaving political advertising on the windshields of people's car while they are at worship is not only rude, offensive and disrespectful but also a sacrilage against God. Even if there is not a law which prohibits this activity, common descency should dictate you do not take advantage of people at church going on church property and vandalising peoples cars for the sake of a political advertisement. I expect a response and swift action taken so this does not occur again. If I do not receive a response promptly I will take this further to the state level.

Best regards,
Felipe C. Barreda

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From: Lopez, Carolina D. (Elections) <LOPEZC@miamidade.gov>
Date: Wed, Sep 22, 2010 at 5:03 PM
Subject: RE: Complaint -Germaine Butler
To: fbarreda@gmail.com
Cc: "SOEDADE (Elections)" <SOEDADE@miamidade.gov>, "White, Christina (Elections)" <bacogc@miamidade.gov>

Good afternoon Mr. Barreda,

Thank you for contacting the Miami-Dade County Elections Department regarding your inquiry.

Please note that per Florida Statute 102.031, Section 4, the Miami-Dade County Elections Department's authority over campaign practices and/or violations is limited to deterring solicitors within the 100-foot zone surrounding a given polling place.

However, if you feel there was a possible violation of election practices, please feel free to contact the following entity that handles campaign violations:

Miami-Dade Ethics and Public Trust Commission
19 West Flagler, Suite 820
Miami, Florida 33130
Phone: (305) 579-2594
Ethics Hotline: (305) 579-9093 or (786) 314-9560
Fax: (305) 579-0273

Email: ethics@miamidade.gov

Website: <http://www.miamidadeethics.com/>

To launch a complaint, you may use the Complaint Form found online at http://www.miamidadeethics.com/RighthandBarWEBSITEFormsLinks/complaint_form.pdf.

If I may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Carolina D. Lopez

Special Projects Administrator 2

Miami-Dade County Elections Department

305-499-8409 Office

305-495-7557 Mobile

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From: Felipe Barreda [<mailto:fbarreda@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2010 11:37 AM

To: SOEDADE (Elections)

Subject: RE: Complaint -Germaine Butler

To whom it may concern:

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Best regards,

Felipe C. Barreda