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Miami-Dade County
Commission on Ethics
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Memo

To: File

From: Karl Ross, ethics investigator

Date: Aug. 2, 2010

Re: K10-057 HERBERT GOPMAN

Close-out: At this time it is recommended the above-captioned matter be closed due to lack of evidence. While several of the witnesses told COE they felt Mr. Gopman was making implicit threats in order to advance his financial interests at Gopman Consulting Engineers, none of those interviewed could recall specific references to Gopman's position as a member of the county's Board of Rules and Appeals (BORA) or any other official body. It should also be noted that Mr. Gopman did recuse himself from participating in the action he brought before BORA, and that said action against Miami Beach Building Official Richard McConachie proved unsuccessful.