



Memorandum

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To: Joseph M. Centorino, Executive Director
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust (COE)

From: Christopher Mazzella, Inspector General

Date: November 15, 2011

Subject: Complaint Referral CR1034-1112-M

The Miami-Dade County Office of the Inspector General recently received an anonymous complaint concerning Miami-Dade County Commissioner Audrey Edmonson. The complainant states that for several years Commissioner Edmonson has asked Miami-Dade County vendors directly to donate turkeys to her community, knowing that she will be voting on future contracts and issues affecting them. The complainant states the vendors cannot refuse a request from an elected official and it is creating influence peddling.

As this matter may fall within the jurisdiction of the COE, we are referring the complaint to you for whatever action you deem necessary. This office will not be taking any action on this complaint.

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For several years now, Commissioner Edmondson has been selling her vote for turkeys. This Commissioner goes directly to Miami Dade County vendors and asked them to give turkeys to her community, knowing that she would be voting on contracts and other issues affecting them. No vendor is going to refuse to accommodate such requests from any elected official. In fact, the vendors encourage and welcome these kinds of openings. There seems to be a blatant disregard for integrity and ethics in public office.

This is the same kind of influence peddling that resulted in the Jake Abramoff scandal in Washington D.C.

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