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**Commission on Ethics &
Public Trust
Miami-Dade County**

Memorandum

To: Michael Murawski, Advocate
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Miami-Dade County Commission on
Ethics and Public Trust

August 22, 2012

Cc: Miriam Ramos, Deputy Advocate
Office of the Independent Advocate

Cc: Joseph Centorino, Executive Director
Commission on Ethics & Public Trust

From: Kennedy Rosario, Investigator OIA

Re: K12-127 Close-Out Memo

On or about July 23, 2012 COE Investigator Karl Ross received information from State of Florida Representative Luis Garcia concerning “two women who live in the building (Rebecca Towers, Miami Beach) are collecting absentee ballots, presumably on behalf of the (Bruno) Barreiro campaign”.

Rep. Garcia is opposing Miami-Dade Commissioner Barreiro in the current election cycle for the Miami-Dade District 5 Commission seat.

Subsequently, Investigator Ross communicated this information, including the names of two possible suspects, to (SAO) Assistant State Attorney Breezye Telfair and Johnette Hardiman.

On or about August 17, 2012 WABC News Commentator Michael Putney mentioned the same allegation to Executive Director Joseph Centorino.

On August 20,2011 COE Investigator Rosario made a series of inquiries to the MDPD PCIB and the SAO.

On August 21, 2012 Investigator Rosario spoke with SAO Assistant State Attorney Tim VanderGiesen and SAO S/A Ralph Hernandez.

S/A Hernandez advised that he had conducted an investigation into this allegation, finding no criminal violation.

S/A Hernandez also stated he had communicated his findings to Rep. Garcia.

It is therefore requested that this investigation be closed with no further action by the COE warranted.

Any future inquiries should be directed to the SAO.