

Subject: Residency Issues with North Miami Beach Commissioner Barbara Kramer

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City of North Miami Beach, Florida
Office of the City Attorney
Ms. Sarah Johnston, Interim City Attorney

Ms. Johnston:

I feel there's a real issue about Commissioner Barbara Kramer's residency that calls into question whether she should remain sitting as a commissioner on the dais.


I do not know if this has to do with the IRS liens or the foreclosure but she sold her home in Eastern Shores at 3407 NE 168 Street, North Miami Beach, FL 33160-3012 on October 31, 2017 according to the attached warranty deed. According to the Miami-Dade County Property Appraiser's website there does not appear to be any other property owned in her name in North Miami Beach.

The city of North Miami Beach charter and code of ordinances No. 2-32.1 reads, "Should any Board, Commission or Committee member move outside the City limits during the term of his appointment, he shall automatically immediately be removed from the position he holds."

We can be certain that she did not live in the same residency we all thought she had been living at in Eastern Shores. Can we be certain that she maintained a residency in the city of North Miami Beach after October 31, 2017?

As it is your duty as interim city attorney to enforce the requirements of the city charter, could you ask Commissioner Kramer to demonstrate with her voter registration card, her driver's license or a utility bill, that she still maintained a residency in the city without interruption following the October 31, 2017 sale of her only home in North Miami Beach.

I am deeply disturbed by the pattern of behavior of our commissioners this year. First, Commissioner Frantz Pierre was removed for not attending meetings according to the charter. Then, our mayor's resignation and the departure of our veteran city manager and attorney at the start of our budget process have left our city in a state of chaos. Now, I have come to discover that Commissioner Barbara Kramer has such flagrant financial issues that she had to sell off her home to avoid foreclosure. In the meanwhile, Commissioner Kramer is acting like she could participate in our city's budget process with a clear conscience and think her financial woes would not be a problem for the public. Wrong.



If you have any questions, I can be reached by phone at [...] or by email at [...].

Thank you very much for your public service.

Sincerely,

[Name...]