<u>Jose.rs@aol.com initial comment to the blog:</u>

Ms. Kienzle,

I know public corruption is still a big deal in NMB not only because of former Commissioner Frantz Pierre's public corruption trial next month on 6 felony counts including accepting bribes for votes.

Our city is once again under an investigation into the proposal to outsource our city attorney's office in the same way our water and garbage services were outsourced (or is it privatized?).

2 weeks ago we learned that there is a new investigation into NMB city hall: "Ethics Investigators Probe North Miami Beach City Attorney Deal" https://www.miaminewtimes.com/news/ethics-investigators-probe-north-miami-beach-city-attorney-deal-11250445

Reminds me of the investigation from 2 years ago: "FBI Investigated North Miami Beach Water Deal, City Attorney Confirms"

 $\underline{https://www.miaminewtimes.com/news/fbi-investigated-north-miami-beach-water-deal-city-attorney-jose-smith-confirms-9241730}$

Let's look into this, OK?

My email back to him:

While I greatly admire and respect the New Times' opinion writer Jerry Ianalli, especially when it comes to his exposing police corruption, he inserts his far-left partisan agenda into almost all his columns. He has relentlessly attacked a few North Miami Beach elected officials, some with good reason, but some only because they are slightly to the right of his personal views. There is no place for partisan politics when "reporting" on local nonpartisan government agencies.

As for those stories you linked, the FBI investigation was initiated by a disgruntled critic of the former mayor. The FBI found absolutely no wrongdoing and the "investigation" was dropped almost immediately.

The latest "scandal" about the City Attorney arose from a complaint filed with the Ethics Commission by an "anonymous" person (whose identity I am well aware of), who then leaked it to Jerry for the sole purpose of creating news. Jerry, of course, jumped on it because it was about NMB.

This, too, will result in a "no probable cause" finding.

I realize that you have an agenda to protect Michael Joseph. You are just one of the many "anonymous" people he has recruited to send out fake emails and make fake comments on this blog in order to defend his indefensible actions. My bullshit detector has never been wrong.

Although I allow and certainly encourage anonymous comments on my blog, I am under no obligation to do so. Unless you have the courage to come out of the shadows and intelligently debate me using your real identity, as I do, I will not be baited by you or anyone else. I neither have the time nor the inclination to play your little game.

Your choice.

His response to my email:

Ms. Kienzle,

I came across your blog because it was advertised online and I wanted to know what new circus act are we seeing in NMB.

Instead of reading about the news that I am concerned about, more outsourcing, more backdoor deals and more investigations, I am reading your post about the first time commissioners asking to spend our taxpayer money on legitimate in my opinion spending the city is responsible for.

Where's your outrage? I know you've explained that you don't live in NMB any longer but aren't you the least bit upset as to what's going on in the past year in NMB? Isn't these situations exactly why you would create a watchdog blog (which I really appreciate don't get me wrong).

Jose

Sent over my mobile phone. Sorry for any typos.

My final response to him:

"Jose,"

Now I know you're a liar because I have never advertised my blog online, or anywhere else for that matter. We both know that Michael Joseph recruited you to attack his enemies and get himself re-elected.

Newsflash, dude! Michael's enemies are too numerous to count, and if they have anything to do with it, not only will he not get re-elected, but he'll never eat lunch in that town again.

Your (or, should I say, Michael's) opinion of "legitimate spending" is the stupidest thing I've seen in a long time. And that's saying a lot.

If you're concerned with how I feel about "the past year in NMB," I suggest you enlighten yourself by visiting www.VotersOpinion.com.