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More Publix Gift Card Concerns

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Mr. City Manager,

I would like to be updated by you on events taking place in our city, not from others. It is my understanding that Shaarray Tefilah Synagogue is where the Publix Gift Cards are to be given out to the Orthodox Jewish Community on Monday. Not that it matters, but the Synagogue isn't even in our city. What does matter is that I don't know about this. Why did anyone have to sign up for the gift card through someone who does not work for NMB nor lives in NMB? Also, if residents are going to the Synagogue to pick up their cards, why didn't we just do a drive through or walk in without a sign-up sheet as was done for Saturday's event in Uleta?

In The Miami Herald article in today's paper, you are quoted as saying: "The city worked with "a couple" of people in the Jewish community, Sorey said. "I'm not sure how many it was, but [they were] some of the people that we've normally dealt with in the past" he said". Mr. Sorey, the entire 4th floor is practically brand new so who has worked with anyone from the Jewish community in the past?

I want to know the names of the people because I was told it was just one and now it's a couple and it's presenting to be an issue for many. While I know you are new here and you don't know all the people you might count on when working in individual areas, I suggest you do not listen to one commissioner.

Just as the near miss appointment for you as our Interim Manager as well as the appointment for the Interim City Attorney's position was blatantly predetermined before our very eyes, this event is looking uncomfortably planned. I want this nonsense to stop. I was concerned with the hire of your Chief of Staff because of his political involvement, now this gift card giveaway and it's handlers wrecks of politics. Everyone is talking about it and probably how our City ended up in the newspaper again.

Please see the email below. Before all the gift cards are handed out, be sure that Ms. Fran Mora receives one. If it wasn't for her telling her experience to someone I know and me receiving the text about what happened to her, who knows if she would have reached out to anyone at City Hall regarding the misstep staff took in turning her away.

I will appreciate your attention to this and look forward to a timely reply as well as one from my previous email.

Thank you,

Barbara Kramer

Commissioner

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From: fran mora <franymora07@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 5, 2021 5:19 PM
To: Kramer, Barbara <barbara.kramer@citynmb.com>
Subject: Publix giftcard refusal

Hello Ms. Kramer,

I hope this email finds you well. I am a friend of Lois Lax and she mentioned that I should write to let you know about my experience at the Publix gift card giveaway today. I did wait in the very long line (which I was okay with), but when I finally inched toward the front, I was met with bad news. The gentleman told me that my address pulled up as a Sunny Isles residence in the folio system and he could not pull up an application for me, therefore I was turned away. Naturally, I was disappointed and saddened that I had waited for so long. I tried to plead, but he said there was nothing he could do. The thing is, I live in North Miami Beach, so not sure why this could have occurred. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

My name and address is

Frances Mora

[2821 sunny isles blvd apt 6s](#)

[North Miami Beach, FI 33160](#)

it can also be written as

[2821 ne 163rd street apt 6s](#)

[North Miami Beach, FI 33160](#)

Best regards,

Frances Mora

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