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Mr. City Manager,

How dare your Assistant Manager call me up during my workday and reprimand me, telling me that he is not the meme police? How dare he tell me that the person who he tried to stop/silence at the Budget Hearing, regarding her meme using a toilet bowl with cash being flushed down it, is not appropriate. Who is he to make this decision? He is not a Resident; he is not a Commissioner and he is not the Mayor that runs our meetings. He actually told me that this person, who by the way is Stephanie Kienzle, is not a resident or business owner in the city. He went on to say that she's a blogger! So now is he also trying to control the press? As I told him, we are in America where there is freedom of speech. We can't stop anyone from participating in public comment. He went on to tell me about meeting flow and so on. I think he forgot what his role is in the North Miami Beach City Government.

Imagine if I called YOUR employees and spoke to them the way he did to me. I can just imagine what you would do, especially because you've made it quite clear that we cannot do that without either letting you know or your employees telling you about a conversation between them and one of your bosses.

Furthermore, he accused me of using the work fuck it in our Budget Hearing. I was floored. While I'm no Pollyanna, I certainly know when not to use profanity...unlike YOU! (That I'll save for another time). I just got to my office and rather than get my work done, I paused to watch the meeting to hear what I said. I USED THE WORD "BUCKET"!

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Let this email serve as a formal complaint against Gedel Merzius. Do not, under any circumstances, have him near me or talk to me again.

I've been serving this city for more than a decade, both as a Board Member and Commissioner. Never have I been treated like this or spoke to like he did to me. To accuse me of profanity, to tell me not to insinuate in an email to you, that he is the meme police, really? Who does he think he works for? I suggest you do something about this, or I'll just go ahead and make you responsible, even though you are, quite frankly.

PS, My heart is practically pounding outside my chest over this. I'm infuriated.

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