PALM BEACH COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS

COMPLIANCE REVIEW MEMORANDUM

To:

Mark E. Bannon, Interim Executive Director

From:

Anthony C. Bennett, Investigator

Re:

A15-017 - Ethics Training Compliance (Town of Juno Beach)

Background

As of June 1, 2011, all municipalities within Palm Beach County are under the jurisdiction of the Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics and subject to the Code of Ethics (the Code). Pursuant to Section 2-446 of the Code, each municipal administrator is required to establish, by policy, a mandatory training schedule for all employees and elected/appointed officials to participate in refresher training on their ethical responsibilities as prescribed by the code.

The Commission on Ethics is required to develop and deliver training programs and to coordinate and cooperate with the municipalities to ensure effective and meaningful training of elected/appointed officials and employees. For verification, a training acknowledgment form for each full-time employee and elected/appointed official should be maintained by each municipality.

Scope

The scope included a review of all Town of Juno Beach employees and elected/appointed officials required to submit an ethics training acknowledgement form. Based on their Administrative Policy and Procedure (dated December 11, 2012) all public elected officials, employees, volunteers, service board members and contracted employees must receive initial Code of Ethics training within sixty (60) days of employment or appointment and throughout the course of employment. All forms were maintained in a central training file folder alphabetically by last name and on an internal database spreadsheet.

Assessment

On Thursday, October 15, 2015, on behalf of the Commission on Ethics (COE), I initiated a compliance review of the Town of Juno Beach (the City) for ethics training compliance. In order to complete this task I contacted Ms. Vanessa Mutchnick, Juno Beach Town Clerk, to schedule a review of the ethics training files. Ms. Mutchnick advised the city keeps all ethics training records in a centralized folder in the Town Clerk's Office. I scheduled a time to meet and review the folder.

On Wednesday, October 21, 2015, I traveled to the city to complete a review of the ethics training forms for all listed employees and officials. As of that date, the Town of Juno Beach had forty-five (45) active full-time employees and elected/appointed officials. Upon review of the records, all employees and elected/appointed officials have been trained.

Conclusion

The Town of Juno Beach is in full compliance with the ethics training requirement for all of its full-time employees and elected/appointed officials.

Submitted by

Anthony C. Bennett, Investigator

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Reviewed by: