PALM BEACH COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS

COMPLIANCE REVIEW MEMORANDUM

Alan Johnson, Executive Director To:

James A. Poag, Investigator From:

A12-017 – Ethics Training Compliance (Town of Haverhill) Re:

Background

As of June 1, 2011, all municipalities within Palm Beach County came under the jurisdiction of the Palm Beach County 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 provide them with 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.

On May 29, 2012 on behalf of the Commission on Ethics (COE), I initiated a compliance review of the Town of Haverhill (the Town) for ethics training. In order to complete this task I contacted Ms. Janice Rutan, Town Administrator, to schedule an on-site visit to review the training files. I conducted an on-site compliance review of the Town's ethics training acknowledgement forms on June 6, 2012. Prior to the start of my review, I was provided with an alpha list of all active full/part-time Town employees and elected/appointed officials, which I used to cross reference each individual training acknowledgement form. At the time of the initial review 6 appointed officials were not in compliance. The Town was given additional time to comply with the training requirement as prescribed by the code.

Scope

The scope included a review of all of the Town of Haverhill regular full-time, regular part-time employees and elected/appointed officials, required to submit an ethics training acknowledgement form. All forms submitted to the Town Administrator's Office were maintained in a central training file folder alphabetically by last name.

<u>Assessment</u>

On September 7, 2012, follow-up compliance review of the Town was completed for all regular full-time, regular part-time Town employees and elected/appointed officials. The overall assessment indicated the Town had 25 regular full-time, regular part-time employees and elected/appointed officials, all of which have been trained according to the reviewed records. As of this date, the Town of Haverhill is in compliance with the training requirement established by the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics.

Conclusion

Based on the aforementioned facts the Town of Haverhill is in full compliance with the ethics training requirement for all of its full and part-time employees and elected/appointed officials.

Submitted by:

James A. Poag, Investigator

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Reviewed by: