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Re: Manny Gonzalez Request for Whistleblower Protection as Result of the Gross Mismanagement and continuous pattern of Managerial Abuses endangering the Public Health, Safety and Welfare

Mr. Auditor General, Mr. Manager, Mr. Mayor, Madam City Attorney, Mr. Clerk, and Commissioners:

Pease accept this as my notice of Whistleblower protected status pursuant to F.S. 112.3187 as well as F.S. 448.102. Pursuant to a F.S. 119 public records request by Al Crespo a recognized member of the media, I mandatorily produced information respondent to that request containing emails and written communications, demonstrating a pattern of misconduct by City Employees that are responsible in whole or in part for wrongfully issuing Temporary Use Permits (TUP's) and Special Event Permits (SEP's) and use of Code Enforcement to torment District members not in agreement with the latter's views. This pattern evidences Gross managerial abuses, and wrongful misconduct. Mr. Auditor General it is only appropriate that you commence an investigation that will begin to reveal at who's direction the pattern of misconduct was instructed, influenced or directed. For my part I stand ready to participate in any mandatory investigation either ordered by the City, or by subpoena.

As you know the Wynwood BID which I am the Executive Director is an Agency of the City of Miami created by ordinance. It is not to my knowledge a juridic body capable of suing or being sued. Therefore as an agency of the City of Miami I consider myself employed by the City, and thereby the wrongful acts of those issuing these permits are imperiling the public's health safety and welfare. TUP's and SEP's are occurring despite lack of safety including, but are not limited to occupying abandoned and condemned buildings, directing power from other building by

extension cords, underestimating attendance thereby reducing police and fire protection, averting code violations, resulting in a savings to promoters and other actions. As the Executive Director I clearly warned the City, its agents, and influencers, and those responsible for the citizens health welfare and safety of the pattern of misconduct in issuing of TUP's and SEP's.

The production of documents pursuant to Ch. 119 was used in part to create Crespo's published stories that commenced 2/13/2020 Wynwood, part 1, 2/18/2020 part 2 and 3, 2/20/2020 part 4, 2/21/2020 part 5, and 2/21/2020 part 6. The main character of this story is Moishe Mana the owner of more than 45 acres of land in the City of Miami. Shortly after publication Mr. Mana by use of wire (a text) sent a message that threatens my well being by stating: "...you made your bed and u have to deal with the consequences with everyone who is behind u. As long as u r on the BID mana will not work with BID members, until you are fired. i will do my best to get u out of our life along with the officials who are involved in the harassment of our business community." (Sic).

Mana followed up that threatening text with a second one stating: "...U r out and Wynwood BID will have to be dismantled....u r fired and more will be fired. We own 45 acres of Wynwood and we will decide who will be heading this BID. It's not u..." (sic)

Mana clearly demonstrates his ability to fire me along with others who oppose his illegal use of TUP's and SEP's. Those charged with protecting the Citizens health, safety and welfare are equally being threatened including City of Miami Police Commander Dan Kerr of Wynwood. One of my main concerns is that there are police who have opposed his efforts at protecting the Citizens, and instead are protecting Mana, his partners, employees and agents. Mr. Crespo stories describe these actors on behalf of the City and further describe Mana's reach by his political contributions, and thereby his influence and power, which Mana flouts.

I have a daughter whom I support I have been employed by the City since 2009 at first as an employee of the Coconut Grove BID, then its Director and now as the Director of the Wynwood BID. As you know all substantive actions of the BIDs are approved by Commission through its budgetary powers as well as oversight.

Attached are the stories published by Crespo, pursuant to the public records request which I mandatorily complied. The threats by Mana are post publication and as you know the Genie will not go back in the bottle just as the tooth paste does not go back in the tube.

Please accept this as my notice for Whistleblower protection and request for investigation Mr. Guba.

Sincerely,

Manny Gonzalez

BID Director Wynwood