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Subject: RE: Questionable Credentials
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 11:08:07 AM

Missy,

Please supply to me any reports or emails received or sent by the Village or from the Council members by/from a company called Community and Environmental Defense Services or Miami-Dade Safe Streets Alliance.

Thank you

From: bill.kestel <bill.kestel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 11:00 AM
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At the January 6, 2020 meeting of the Village of Palmetto Bay Council, a person named Richard Klein spoke during the public comments section of the meeting before the item put forward by David Singer in relation to bridging.

Mr. Klein spoke against the bridge and discussed in depth the detrimental effects the bridging and traffic will have on adjacent neighborhoods.

Mayor Karyn Cunningham was so impressed by his comments, and a subsequent written report, that she has used his information as a basis for her continued anti-bridge stance. She added his "report" to her communication to the County DTPW after the recent meeting with the County mayor and senior staff.

The problem is, Mr. Klein has NO TRAFFIC EXPERTISE. He is the president of a company called Community and Environmental Defense Services, in Owensville, MD. And that MD is not Miami-Dade, it's MARYLAND. A quick look at his website (ceds.org) states that his "expertise" is in the environmental arena. Per his site, he is "principal strategist" who formerly worked for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and Maryland Save Our Streams.

Can someone explain to me how a "principal strategist" 1000 miles away, with no traffic expertise whatsoever, is being used by our Mayor, and others in our Village to shape public policy? Did our Mayor not vet him? Or does she think that we won't and she'll do anything to further the agenda of her anti-bridge supporters? I'd like some answers.

The local group that Mr. Klein stated he was representing, Miami-Dade Safe Streets Alliance, is also an enigma. It has no legal presence as an advocacy organization per the FL Sec. of State website. Who are they? The Mayor says they are a "citizens group." What kind of "citizens group" hires an out of town "expert" who has no expertise in the subject matter he was speaking about? Who paid for him to fly here and testify? Who paid for his report? The Mayor who relies on his "expertise?" This group also has no standing, as they aren't recognized by Miami-Dade County as subject matter experts.

Mayor Karyn Cunningham, please explain your relationship to Richard Klein and Miami-Dade Safe Streets Alliance.

Let's stop these blatantly dishonest political shenanigans. Let's stop politicizing traffic in the Village. Let the County traffic experts do their jobs.

Originated by a fellow VOPB Resident.

Kind Regards,
Bill

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S9+.