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Re: Case No. 200604603
Barbara M. Blanco

Dear Mr. Suarez:

It is the primary purpose of this correspondence to request an extension of time within which to submit a written reply on behalf of Barbara M. Blanco in the above referenced matter. Presently our reply would be due today and we are asking for a 10 day extension up to and including Monday November 6th.

Although the information recently provided by your office has helped understand some of the factual basis for the complaint, there are still unanswered questions which may make it embarrassingly and unfairly difficult to respond to the complaint.

First, it appears that the July 16, 2006 memo from Jan Bergemann to Julio Rubaina bares the greatest factual relationship to the allegations of the uniform complaint. In this regard, there is a reference to "the same vendor bills are obviously used for accounting purposes in various condominiums just filing copies." We consider the implication of this to be serious because it suggests that the billing is arbitrary and not related to actual needs of the various associations. We have not been provided with copies of the "vendor's bills" nor any reference to the identity of the vendors, the services billed, or even the various associations to which they have been allegedly submitted. Without this information it is impossible to meaningfully respond other than to say that the allegation that identical bills are sent to various condo associations without any relationship to work performed or the necessity of the same is patently false. Without this basic information it is impossible to be any more specific.

Ms. Bergemann's memo also suggests that Ms. Blanco "uses her own people to do the maintenance and charges outrageous money" and accuses her of "infiltrating the board of some associations with her own people." It is impossible to even begin to respond to this without an identification of what people, what charges, and what associations are involved in these allegations and during what time frame.

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The uniform complaint alleges that Ms. Blanco "knowingly failed to comply with the requirements of the documents by which the association is created." Without knowing which associations are at issue and the specific provisions of the documents i.e. association bylaws, it is impossible to meaningfully respond to this part of the uniform complaint.

I understand that it is impossible for you to provide us with documents which have never been provided to you in the first place. If that is the case, kindly advise and we will prepare our response based upon the information received to date such as it is.

Also, there is absolutely nothing of record to indicate a complaint made by Guillermo Tejeda who is identified as the "responsible" party in the uniform complaint form. Surely there must be some documentation wherein Mr. Tejeda has made a specific allegation of wrongdoing against Ms. Blanco beyond the mere filing of a hodge - podge of documents relating principally to various condominium associations.

Very truly yours,

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