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Florida Commission on Ethics Finds Probable Cause That Deerfield Beach Mayor Jean Robb Corruptly Misused Her Elected Position

The Florida Commission on Ethics, acting on a Broward Office of the Inspector General (OIG) complaint, issued an [order](#) yesterday finding five counts of probable cause to believe that City of Deerfield Beach (City) Mayor Jean Robb corruptly misused her elected position, accepted a prohibited gift, and received unauthorized compensation.

The OIG previously reported that it found that the mayor accepted \$1,000 in donations to two charities of her choice from the owner of a luxury automobile dealership in the City and then attempted to obstruct the City's code enforcement efforts regarding that dealership. The investigation also concluded, among other misconduct, that the mayor used her position to obtain benefits for her church and pastor by directing City staff to issue an employee parking sticker to the pastor and to use City personnel and equipment to clean the church's parking lot, in violation of her legal duties as mayor.

The OIG forwarded its [report](#) and a [complaint](#) to the Commission in November 2014.

Following its own investigation, the Commission found probable cause that these acts were in violation of Florida Statutes Sec. [112.313](#)(2), Solicitation or Acceptance of Gifts; [112.313](#)(4), Unauthorized Compensation; and [112.313](#)(6), Misuse of Public Position, and ordered a public hearing as to whether Mayor Robb violated those provisions.

She may proceed to an informal hearing before the Commission; request a formal hearing before an administrative law judge; or resolve the matter through a stipulation, settlement, or consent order.