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**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
APPLICATION FOR NEIGHBOR PRESENTATION
FIRST MEETING OF THE MONTH
CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING (6:00 P.M.)
(Please Print or Type)**

City Commission Meeting Date Requested: **Please choose one:**

☐ First Available Date

☒ Date Certain: 3/6/2018

(Fill in Date)

Name of Individual Making Presentation: Joshua Kushner, Esq.

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City, State, Zip Code: Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

Daytime Telephone Number: 954-296-1276 Evening Telephone Number: _____

Facsimile Number: _____ E-Mail Address: kushner.josh@gmail.com

Briefly describe topic to be discussed: _____

See attached request. I would like three minutes to address my grievance with the city commission on March 6, 2018.

Neighbor Presentation Guidelines:

- Neighbor Presentations will occur **ONLY** on the **first Regular Commission Meeting of each month**.
- Only one completed application per speaker will be accepted. Application deadline is **12:00 noon six days prior to the Commission Meeting in which the Neighbor Presentation is to be heard.**
- A maximum of five (5) applications will be accepted for each Commission Meeting. All other applications are taken in the order received and will be scheduled either for the date requested, or the next available Commission Meeting date.
Please note: If more than five (5) applications are received for a Commission Meeting, preference will be given to those who have NOT been heard at the prior Commission Meeting.
- Neighbor Presentations will be a maximum of three (3) minutes. Regardless of the number of speakers affiliated with the presentation, the entire presentation will only be allotted three (3) minutes.
- If you plan to present additional information to the Commission, please provide prior to the scheduled meeting date.

Important Information:

- This document will be made a part of the City Commission agenda and will be viewable on the City's website.
- This document may be a public record under Florida law, which defines "public records" to mean, all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received pursuant to law or ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business by any agency.
- The promoting, advertising or marketing of any product or service is prohibited.

Applications may be submitted by email to: NP@fortlauderdale.gov, or by hard copy to the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 100 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

For questions or additional information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (954) 828-5002.

February 19, 2018

To whom it may concern,

My name is Joshua Kushner and I have been a resident of Fort Lauderdale since 2011. I am a career prosecutor with the Office of the State Attorney and have spent the last four years of my life prosecuting murderers and sexual criminals in Broward County. During my tenure as a public servant, I have never asked for anything from my local government. I am now asking for three minutes and some common sense.

In April of 2016, I ended a lease at 1017 Tequesta St in Sailboat Bend. I instructed the city to shut off my water service and end my billing cycle as of April 25th. The city, however, did not send out a meter reader on April 25th to determine my final billing amount. They also did not send out a meter reader at the end of the month. In fact, they did not send out a meter reader until May 10th.

Between April 26th and May 10th, the property owner from whom I was renting took advantage of the "free water" to the tune of about \$1100. There is no system in place for the city to determine how much water was used on specific dates. As an upstanding citizen and longtime public servant, however, I am assuring you that I did not use it. My average water bill during my time at the property was just over \$100/month.

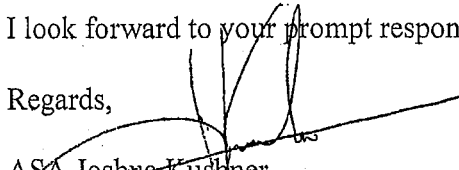
Still, in October of 2017, I received notice from a debt collector that the city is seeking to collect \$888 from me for water service in April of that year. The city screwed up here - not me. I gave plenty of notice to end my utilities service on April 25th. Fort Lauderdale did not end the service and was ultimately scammed by a third party. Unfortunately, that's not my problem.

The utilities department acknowledges all of the above dates as well as my timely request to end service. They just don't seem to care. When the matter was finally referred to the city attorney, the assigned city attorney sent me a single e-mail instructing me to pay the outstanding amount. She will not return my calls or e-mails and will not schedule a meeting with me to discuss the matter. As of this date, we have never spoken.

I was sent to collections for the first time in my life (with no notice from the city by the way) and they now require a letter from the city of Fort Lauderdale stating that they are no longer seeking to recover the debt. I would like to request that letter from the commissioners at the upcoming meeting and inform them personally about this outrageous treatment of their residents. Three minutes will be sufficient.

I look forward to your prompt response.

Regards,


ASA Joshua Kushner
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