



The Florida House of Representatives

Public Integrity & Ethics Committee

Richard Corcoran
Speaker

Larry Metz
Chair

MEMORANDUM

To: Speaker Richard Corcoran

From: Rep. Larry Metz, Chair, Public Integrity & Ethics Committee

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry Metz", is written over the "From:" line.

Date: August 22, 2017

Re: Complaint against Rep. Daisy Baez

On June 7, 2017, the Public Integrity & Ethics Committee (PIE) received from the Florida Commission on Ethics (Commission), correspondence addressed to the Speaker which included a completed Commission complaint form with supporting documents (Complaint). Although the complainant did not file the Complaint directly with the PIE chair as required by House Rule 18.2(a), I have determined that, having received it in PIE, the Complaint should not be dismissed on that sole technical ground. The Complaint otherwise appears to satisfy Rule 18.2's requirements for a complaint upon which you and I are required to act.

The information in the Complaint appears to include substantive allegations that Rep. Daisy Baez has not resided in State House District 114 during most or all of her tenure in the House. The Complaint does appear to state facts that would support a finding of probable cause on the issue of residency and related matters.

Based on my determination that the Complaint states facts that would support a finding of probable cause, Rule 18.2(b) requires you to refer the matter to a select subcommittee of PIE, or to a special master, to conduct an investigation and determine whether there is probable cause that a violation of law or House Rules has occurred. I recommend the select subcommittee approach. After a report of that subcommittee is received, the full PIE is required to hold a hearing and make a recommendation to the House. However, it should be noted that under Rule 18.2(g), I or the select subcommittee may enter into a consent decree with the respondent upon which the House could take final action at its next opportunity.

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In view of the foregoing I respectfully request that a select subcommittee be appointed pursuant to Rule 18.2(b), with the sole charge to determine whether there is probable cause to believe Rep. Baez violated the law and House Rules, and to provide a report to PIE with its findings.

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