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## **Ethics Education across Miami-Dade**

The Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics & Public Trust is reaching out to candidates, campaign workers and politically active citizens with upcoming events that are free and open to everyone.

Those involved in local elections are encouraged to attend “Clean Campaign Classes” to learn how to properly open and manage financial accounts and run ethical campaigns. These sessions, which are conducted with officials of the Miami-Dade Elections Department, will provide essential information to avoid legal pitfalls, correctly raise and report funds, properly keep records and understand the legal and ethical obligations of seeking public office. The earlier a potential candidate takes the class prior to an election, the more effective it will be.

Two Clean Campaign Classes are scheduled in the next few months: Thursday, August 10, 2017, in the Council Chambers at Homestead City Hall, 100 Civic Court, Homestead, 33033 and Tuesday, September 19, 2017, in the Commission Chamber on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of Miami Beach City Hall, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, 33139. Both sessions will be held from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Concerned citizens seeking “everything you ever wanted to know about government ethics but were afraid to ask,” can attend an open meeting from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13th, 2017, in the Town Council Chambers at Miami Lakes Town Hall, 6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, 33014. Ethics Commission staff will explain the agency’s work and mission, give an overview of key provisions of the Ethics Code, briefly review Sunshine and Public Records Laws, make a presentation on the Citizens’ Bill of Rights and answer audience questions.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call Robert Thompson at 305-350-0630 or e-mail [robthom@miamidade.gov](mailto:robthom@miamidade.gov).

*The Ethics Commission was created in 1996 as an independent agency with advisory and quasi-judicial powers. It is composed of five members, serving staggered terms of four years each. Through a program of education and outreach, the Commission seeks to empower the community and bolster public trust.*

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