

WHAT IS MAYOR MICHAEL JOSEPH HIDING?

What We Know

- Mayor Michael Joseph and his close personal friend Hector Roos is involved in the investigation of Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick for stealing \$5 million in government funds.
- Mayor Joseph refused to comply with multiple subpoenas, did not provide testimony or documents, and did not cooperate with the House Office of Congressional Ethics.
- Along with Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick's husband, Mayor Joseph served as President and Vice President, respectively, of a Florida nonprofit that raised and transferred large sums of money in potential violation of state and federal laws.
- The organization, which Mayor Joseph incorporated, was not registered as a political committee but received and transferred substantial funds (over \$666,000 alone within the 2022 election cycle).

What We Don't Know

- Did Mayor Joseph violate campaign finance law in support of Cherfilus-McCormick?
- Did Joseph abuse his power to get projects associated with himself and his friend Hector Roos funded?
- How did Joseph personally benefit - financially or politically - from any of the community project funding requests he helped promote?

Why It Matters

These unresolved questions matter because Michael Joseph is both the Mayor of the City of North Miami Beach and a licensed Florida attorney—roles that carry heightened ethical and fiduciary obligations. As mayor, he holds the city's highest elected office and is entrusted with maintaining public confidence in government. As an attorney, he is bound by professional standards requiring honesty, respect for legal process, and cooperation with lawful investigations. His refusal to cooperate with a congressional ethics investigation leaves unresolved whether political influence or private interests improperly affected federal funding decisions, depriving the public of the clarity and accountability those positions demand.