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Cuyahoga County Inspector General
2079 East 9th Street
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Re: Sunny Simon Parking Card Use

Dear Ms. Byrd:

Please be advised that I represent the Republican Party of Cuyahoga County. This request is based upon the records provided by the County in response to a public records request by a private citizen on behalf of the Party, for of the use of Ms. Simon's parking card. After careful inspection and cross checking, I am bringing to you, for your investigation, certain incidents which appear to be personal usage of her County parking privileges.

After a review of the County Council calendar, it was determined that there was no documented official Council business for the dates in question. Those dates are set forth in Exhibit "A" which is enclosed. There are four pages to Exhibit "A"; Pages 1, 1A, 2, and 2A. Column 1 of Exhibit "A" lists case docket numbers for the Court in which Councilperson Simon is the attorney of record. The X signifies that she used her parking pass. The next columns show the dates when Councilperson Simon appeared in court to represent her client. Pages 1A and 2A are merely continuations of court appearance dates. Since there was no documented Council business for these dates then it would appear she was using her parking privileges in her private law practice. It is my understanding that the County parking passes are not to be used for personal business.

Also enclosed is "Exhibit B". This exhibit shows councilperson Simon's use of her County card from January 4, 2011 until December 31, 2013. It was difficult to scrutinize locations of the various card readers listed in Exhibit "B" without a "key" from the County. Of note are the dates of December 3, 2012 and December 4, 2012. On December 3 there is a notation for the JC employee garage. That is the only place where that notation appears and we believe that it is for the Juvenile Court. We could find no Council business at the Juvenile Court for that date. On December 4 there is a notation for Superior Video Verification 3-2-2. Again, there is nothing with which we were supplied that would decipher this card swipe.

We are requesting that the Inspector General investigate Councilperson Simon's use of her County supplied parking privileges. We believe that there is enough information to support an investigation by your department. While we realize that councilmembers pay a small parking fee for their privileges, it is much less than what citizens pay for parking near the Justice Center.

If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. We would be happy to answer any questions concerning the requested investigation.

We look forward to working with you and supplying any further information that we may have.

Very truly yours,

Daniel P Carter