

Politician for sale!

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Councilmember

Hardly something you want to advertise in the newspaper, but what the heck, I am term-limited anyway.

You see I was one of those undecided voters that both parties were after and I decided that I could be pushed in one direction or the other by someone willing to contribute. I would consider accepting a job offer guaranteeing that I earn over \$250,000 per year so that I might take advantage of some of the promised tax breaks.

I would surely have voted Republican in such a case. A simple one-time contribution of \$2 million might also sway me, but then let me not be too greedy. Actually I would be willing to work for \$2 million per year with a two-year contract and a \$4 million severance package.

I would gladly accept a position as CEO for any of the recently failed or failing financial institutions such as Lehman Brothers, AIG, Fannie May, Freddie Mac, Merrill Lynch, Wachovia or you name it. Two million bucks would be a bargain for a CEO of any one of them. (I made the same offer to FPL but have not heard back from

them yet. I actually know something about AC and DC electricity).

Imagine how much they would save just having Ernie Sochin at the helm. Of course I know nothing about the financial market but neither do any of the people that have occupied those positions before me.

At least I would be willing to learn; more than you could say about any of them. If I don't work out, they could simply give me my \$4 million and be done with it. It would be a lot less than they currently pay off their execs and I would be fully ready to accept all the blame for failure, something few of them are willing to do.

I can be reached with any offers through this newspaper, but please mark confidential on the envelope and, if you wish to send cash, mark "cash enclosed" on the envelope so that the postal authorities will handle it properly.

As for the folks in Cutler Bay, I will still maintain my duties here by flying home from Wall Street for meetings in my corporate jet. Hey, I need some perks.

Awaiting your reply!

Editor's note: Before everyone starts writing letters and calling the authorities, we believe the councilman's comments to be tongue-in-cheek.