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Incinerator flip flop causes battle between BP candidates

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In the latest round in the battle for borough president, a former Fernando Ferrer aide demanded that the BP retract comments stating he was fired for negligence.

John Greaney, a former aide to Ferrer and campaign manager for Borough Presidential Candidate Israel Ruiz, said he is looking into legal action if Ferrer does not take back allegations that he fired him last week. The borough president said while working for him, Greaney misled him into believing the Bronx Lebanon Hospital medical waste incinerator was safe. After a flurry of protests from residents and politicians, the incinerator was shut down. Protestors said the incinerator was

spewing out toxic fumes. Greaney had worked as head of strategic planning and policy. According to Clint Roswell, a spokesman for Ferrer, Greaney drafted a copy of the proposal for the incinerator. He was fired because he made a report that was "misleading" to the BP. Greaney was supposed to check on the matter and do his own research. Roswell said Greaney did not investigate the code of ethics and was fired due to the strong urging by Ferrer.

"He piggybacked on letters of support from the community board," Roswell said. "He didn't do his job well and misled the borough president." Greaney said he resigned

on good terms with Ferrer to start his own consulting company. He had nothing to do with the proposal and instead worked on housing and rehabilitation in the borough president's office. He said he had no say on the incinerator proposal.

Although Ferrer claimed he was fired, Greaney said they had a good relationship even after he left. The Ruiz campaign manager said during the 1992 Democratic Convention, Ferrer asked him to be a trouble shooter at the convention. He also asked him to get press credentials. Greaney also claims in January Ferrer asked him to get Tony Bennett to perform at a fundraiser for Ferrer's mayoral campaign.

"If anything I was encouraged to cover his own flip flop and taint Ruiz. He's never had a real challenge." The battle began over a 1988 letter from Ferrer to the president of Bronx Lebanon Hospital. It states, "Normally I would be hesitant to support such a concept without first reviewing detailed plans of the project; however, based upon past performance of your outstanding medical institution!"

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am confident that this will be a state-of-the-art incinerator which will set the standard for similar facilities throughout our country." Ferrer claimed he did not know of the incinerator's possible danger due to Greaney's alleged deception. "Freddy's always had total control," Greaney said. The BP recently took credit for closing the incinerator down with the help of a pollution report from a citizen advisory committee he had formed. Roswell hailed the possibility of a lawsuit over Greaney's firing. He said there were witnesses who saw the former aide make the false report. He called the remarks, "Another reckless allegation." "I'm not going to turn this into a political football," Greaney said.