

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST



In Re: Roxanna Ross

C 20-26-07

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PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER

Complainant, Joyce Goulart da Silva (Goulart), filed this complaint against Village of Biscayne Park Commissioner Roxanna Ross, alleging that she violated the County Ethics Code or an ordinance within the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics and Public Trust (COE), when she allegedly gave a complaint letter that Goulart had sent to all Commissioners, except Commissioner Kennedy, to Kennedy on a Saturday when the Village Hall was closed. Goulart felt that such action was inappropriate and “broke” confidentiality.

The letter received by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Village of Biscayne Park, is a public record. There is nothing in the Ethics Code (or any other legislation) prohibiting the release of a public record not otherwise exempt from mandatory disclosure under Florida law. Furthermore, limited inquiry revealed that it was the Village Manager, not Commissioner Ross, who forwarded the letter to Commissioner Kennedy.

On September 9, 2020, the Ethics Commission dismissed the complaint dismissed the complaint for lack of legal sufficiency.

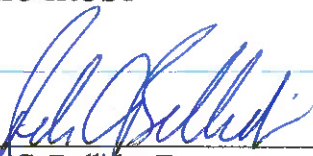
Wherefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that COMPLAINT C20-26-07 against Respondent Roxanna Ross is hereby dismissed.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session at the virtual meeting held on September 9, 2020.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS &
PUBLIC TRUST

By:



Nelson C. Bellido, Esq.

Chair

Signed on

10/7/2020