



**In re:**

**C 21-09-04**

**Ana "Lily" Stefano**

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### **PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER**

The Ethics Advocate filed a Complaint in this matter against Town of Medley Councilwoman Ana "Lily" Stefano for violating Section 2-11.1(g) of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance entitled "Exploitation of official position prohibited" (Two Counts).

Councilwoman Stefano admitted that she prepared a flyer, using the Town logo and stating it was from "the Office of Councilwoman Lily Stefano" to purportedly "educate" voters in the Town about the upcoming election. However, the evidence showed that the flyer was in actuality, to encourage residents to vote for her and the slate of candidates she was endorsing for other elected offices in the Town, as her name as well as the names of the three other candidates she was supporting were highlighted in bold letters drawing attention to the candidates.

Additionally, Councilwoman Stefano does not contest that she prepared a second flyer, using the Town logo and stating it was from "the office of Councilwoman Lily Stefano" to announce a "raffle" purportedly to provide "entertainment" to Medley residents during the COVID pandemic. The raffle, in reality however, was a ruse to promote Councilwoman Stefano's Mayoral campaign. The evidence established that the raffle prizes were delivered aboard a campaign vehicle owned by Councilwoman Stefano

and the distributors of the prizes were wearing Stefano campaign shirts. Councilwoman Stefano stipulated to Probable Cause.

On May 21, 2021, the Ethics Commission accepted the Stipulation; ratified a settlement agreement, accepting Councilwoman Stefano's plea of No Contest to the allegations contained in Count II of the Complaint, ordered that she pay a fine of \$500.00, and accept a Letter of Reprimand from the COE. Count I of the Complaint was dismissed as part of the settlement agreement.

Wherefore it is:

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that Complaint C21-09-04 against Ana "Lily" Stefano is hereby concluded.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS  
& PUBLIC TRUST

By:



Nelson C. Bellido

Chairman

Signed on: 6/9/2021