

Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics & Public Trust

Investigative Report

Investigator: Breno Penichet

Case # K14-111	Case Name: Doral Elections	Date Open:	CASE
Complainant(s): Bettina Rodriguez- Aguilera	Subject(s): Sandra Ruiz	October 30, 2014	CLOSED
			Date: 10 31 14

Allegation(s):

Information received from Doral Commissioner Bettina Rodriguez-Aguilera (Aguilera) who is running as an incumbent, advised that her campaign worker Melody Then (Then) was approached by Commissioner Sandra Ruiz (Ruiz) and intimidated, insulted and yelled at for working on Aguilera's Campaign.

Investigation:

Interviews

According to the information received on October 28th 2014, Ruiz went up to Then, a poll worker, in a very aggressive and in an intimidating way, and started screaming, and saying nasty things about Aguilera. The worker felt intimidated and very uncomfortable. Aguilera advised that the poll worker was not employed by the City of Doral.

Conclusion(s):

After reviewing the information provided, Aguilera was contacted and advised the COE had no jurisdiction on this matter. Aguilera was advised that under Section 2-381 of the Doral Code, she could bring this matter to the attention of the City Council for action. The Ethics Commission has no jurisdiction over that portion of the Doral Code. Additionally, she was advised to report this matter to the Elections Department.

Breno Penichet, COE Investigator

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