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Miami-Dade County
Commission on Ethics
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Memo

To: File

From: Karl Ross, ethics investigator

Date: July 13, 2011

Re: Close-out for K10-162 Isaac Aelion

At the direction of the Ethics Advocate, the above-captioned case is being closed after being successfully referred to the Miami-Dade State Attorney's office (SAO) for criminal prosecution. Mr. Aelion, a Sunny Isles Beach city commissioner, faces a multi-count criminal information for violating state electoral law with respect to an anonymous mailer he commissioned. The matter is expected to be resolved without trial.

During a voluntary statement July 8, 2011 Mr. Aelion took full responsibility for the anonymous mailer that was circulated among Sunny Isles Beach voters during last year's municipal election. He acknowledged that he intentionally misled a COE investigator as to his knowledge of the mailer and his role in preparing same. He advised that he acted alone and that, while he did show a draft of the mailer to a local activist and to a representative of the Mayor Norman Edelcup re-election campaign, he said he authored the mailer himself and paid for it with personal funds that he kept on hand for emergency situations. Mr. Aelion expressed remorse for his actions.

The matter is now being handled by the SAO and will not require further investigation. A related complaint is also under review by the Florida Elections Commission and state investigators have requested assistance from COE, which will be provided once the criminal matter is fully resolved.