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Miami-Dade County
Commission on Ethics
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Memo

To: File

From: Karl Ross, ethics investigator

Date: May 14, 2012

Re: K12-071 Jorge Gonzalez/ Miami Beach Convention Center

Conclusion:

After consultation with the Independent Ethics Advocate and as a result of the recently announced resignation of the city manager, effective July 8, 2012, it was decided that the above-referenced investigation should not be continued.

This decision was reached after further consideration of the investigation of the source of information – the city’s former procurement director, Gus Lopez – about an alleged Code of Silence violation(s) by the manager and/or lobbyists representing firms vying for a city contract to re-develop the Miami Beach Convention Center.

Since the allegations leveled against Lopez, as reported in the media, also involve the same contract award, it was decided that the ethics commission should defer to the ongoing criminal inquiry.

Accordingly, the case is closed at this time.