



**Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics & Public Trust**

Investigative Report

**Investigator:** Breno Penichet

<b>Case #</b> K14-109	<b>Case Name:</b> Doral Elections	<b>Date Open:</b>	<b>CASE CLOSED</b>  Date: <u>11/4/14</u>
<b>Complainant(s):</b> Bettina Rodriguez-Aguilera	<b>Subject(s):</b> Sandra Ruiz	October 30, 2014	

**Allegation(s):**

Information was received from Doral Commissioner Bettina Rodriguez-Aguilera (Aguilera), who is running as an incumbent. She advised that two of her campaign workers, Melody Then (Then) and Nilsa Botero (Botero), were approached by Commissioner Sandra Ruiz (Ruiz) and were intimidated, insulted and yelled at for working on the Aguilera Campaign.

**Investigation:**

***Interviews***

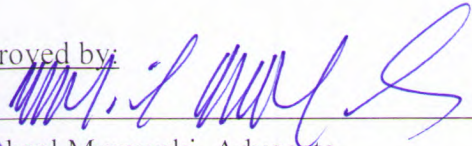
According to the information received on October 24th Ruiz came up to Then and Botero in a very aggressive and intimidating way and started screaming at them, saying nasty things about Aguilera. Ruiz was pointing her finger at their faces, and in a very high pitch voice began to threaten them.

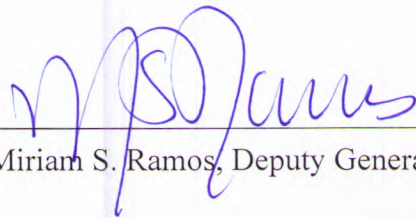
**Conclusion(s):**

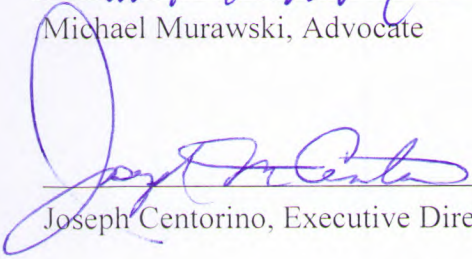
After reviewing the information provided, Aguilera was contacted and advised that the COE had no jurisdiction on this matter. The Code of Ethics Ordinance and Mandatory Fair Campaign Practices Ordinance do not address rude or uncivil behavior. Aguilera was advised that she may want to take this matter up with the Council because Ruiz may have violated City of Doral Rules of Conduct.



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Breno Penichet, COE Investigator

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