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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

In re: ARIEL PEREDA

C 06-29

**PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER ACCEPTING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

The ADVOCATE filed the above-referenced COMPLAINT against RESPONDENT Ariel Pereda, a registered lobbyist in the City of Miami Beach in 2004. The COMPLAINT alleged that RESPONDENT did not file the required Lobbyist Expenditure Statement by October 1, 2005. If true, this failure is a violation of the City of Miami Beach Lobbyist Ordinance, Chapter 2, Article VII, Division 3, §2-485(a).

Pursuant to the Code of Miami-Dade County, §2-1068, and the Miami Beach Lobbyist Ordinance, §2-485(e), the Commission on Ethics & Public Trust has jurisdiction to enforce the City of Miami Beach Lobbyist Ordinance. On November 6, 2006, RESPONDENT stipulated to legal sufficiency and probable cause in this matter. On November 21, 2006, the Ethics Commission accepted an agreed-upon settlement, whereby the RESPONDENT did not contest the allegations made in this COMPLAINT and agreed to pay a penalty fee of \$475.00, rather than the \$950.00 prescribed fine.

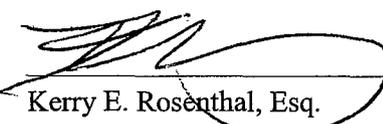
Therefore it is:

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT** the COMPLAINT is hereby dismissed and the settlement accepted, in the best interest of the citizens of Miami-Dade County.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on November 21, 2006.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON  
ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

By:

  
Kerry E. Rosenthal, Esq.  
Chairman



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IN RE: CASE NO.

C06-029

ARIEL PEREDA,  
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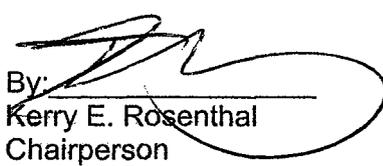
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COMMISSION ON  
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**SETTLEMENT ORDER**

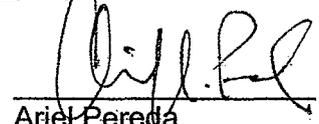
Pursuant to section 5.13 of the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust Rules of Procedure, Petitioner and Respondent do hereby enter into this settlement in full satisfaction of the above captioned matter based upon the following terms and conditions:

1. Respondent, ARIEL PEREDA, does hereby agree not to contest the allegations of Ethics Complaint C06-029 and agrees to pay \$475.00 in full satisfaction of Ethics Complaint number C06-029, rather than the \$950.00 prescribed fine.
2. Respondent agrees to comply with section 2-485 of the Code of Miami Beach by filing his lobbyist expenditure statement.
3. Respondent agrees to the terms of this settlement agreement knowingly, freely and without duress.
4. Petitioner and Respondent agree that settlement of this action in the manner described above is just and in the best interests of Respondent and the citizens of Miami-Dade County.

Done and Ordered in Miami-Dade County, Florida this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 2006.

By:   
Kerry E. Rosenthal  
Chairperson

  
Miriam S. Ramos  
Asst. Advocate

  
Ariel Pereda  
Respondent