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**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
COMMISSION ON
ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST**

In re: Jimmy Morales
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Case No: 07-03

PUBLIC REPORT AND ORDER ACCEPTING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The Advocate filed the above-captioned complaint against Jimmy Morales ("Respondent") for violation of Section 12-25 (Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund). The complaint alleged the Respondent failed to maintain required documentation of campaign expenditures.

The Respondent was a mayoral candidate in 2004. During the campaign, the Respondent received public funds for his campaign. As required by Section 12-25 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, the Ethics Commission conducted a post-campaign audit. According to the audit report, the Respondent had campaign expenditures of two million, two hundred and nine thousand four hundred and twenty-five dollars and eighty-nine (\$2,209,425.89) cents. The Respondent did not provide documentation for expenditures

of five hundred eighty thousand and eight-one dollars and twenty-seven(\$580,081.27) cents.

On March 22, 2007, the Ethics Commission accepted the Respondent's stipulation to legal sufficiency and probable cause. The Respondent also pled no contest to the complaint and agreed to pay a fine of two hundred and fifty dollars. On March 22, 2007, after reviewing the pleadings, hearing the Advocate's recommendation and finding the settlement in the best interests of Miami-Dade County, the Ethics Commission approved the proposed settlement agreement and dismissed the above-captioned complaint.

Therefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT the Complaint is
DISMISSED.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust in public session on March 22, 2007.

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION
ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST**

By: 

Kerry Rosenthal
Chairperson

cc: Jimmy Morales



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IN RE: CASE NO.

JIMMY MORALES,

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**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
COMMISSION ON
ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST**

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, JIMMY MORALES, believes it to be in his best interest to resolve Complaint C07-03. Accordingly, Respondent agrees not to contest the allegations contained in the complaint.

2. Pursuant to this agreement, Respondent agrees to pay a fine of \$250.00, as prescribed in Section 12-22(f)(3)(a)(1) of the Miami-Dade County Code, to the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust.

3. Respondent understands and agrees that failure by Respondent to pay all monies due, as outline in paragraph 2 above, may result in garnishment or other appropriate process or proceedings to enforce the recovery of the judgment as governed by the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure.

4. Failure by the Respondent to fulfill and abide by his obligation under the agreed Settlement Order may result in contempt proceedings against the Respondent.

5. This agreement, consisting of two (2) pages, embodies the entire agreement of the parties respecting the subject matter herein. There are no promises, terms, conditions or

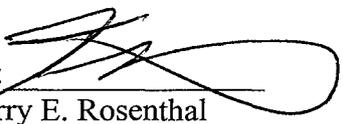
obligations other than those contained herein. This agreement supersedes any and all previous communications, representations, and agreement either verbal or written between the parties.

6. By signing this agreement, Respondent acknowledges that he is doing so freely, voluntarily and without duress; that he is competent to enter this agreement; and that he has fully and completely read and understands the terms and conditions of the agreement.

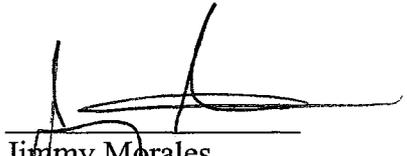
7. Petitioner and Respondent agree that settlement of this action in the manner described above is just and in the best interest of the Respondent and the citizens of Miami-Dade County.

8. Should the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust reject this agreement, evidence of this offer of compromise and settlement is inadmissible to prove any of the allegations alleged.

Done and Ordered in Miami-Dade County, Florida this 22nd day of March 2007.

By: 
Kerry E. Rosenthal
Chairperson


Miriam S. Ramos
Asst. Advocate


Jimmy Morales
Respondent