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#1**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
COMMISSION ON  
ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST**In re: **JOHN R. HORNBUCKLE**  
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**PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL DISMISSAL ORDER**

COMPLAINANT Rose De Merle filed the above-referenced COMPLAINT against RESPONDENT John R. Hornbuckle. Both the COMPLAINANT and the RESPONDENT are candidates for office in the Village of Biscayne Park. The COMPLAINT alleges that the RESPONDENT violated the Miami-Dade County Mandatory Fair Campaign Practices Ordinance and/or the Voluntary Statement of Fair Campaign Practices Ordinance. The specific behavior about which Ms. De Merle complained involved a phone call she received from the RESPONDENT suggesting that she drop out of the race.

As a candidate for municipal office, RESPONDENT Hornbuckle is bound by the Mandatory Fair Campaign Practices Ordinance at Section 2-11.1.1 (C) (1). Additionally, he signed and agreed to be bound by the Voluntary Statement of Fair Campaign Practices Ordinance at Section 2-11.1.1 (D). The Ethics Commission found that the behavior attributed to the RESPONDENT did not violate any provisions within these ordinances.

On November 15, 2007, the Commission on Ethics found the above-referenced COMPLAINT to be legally insufficient, and the COMPLAINT was dismissed.

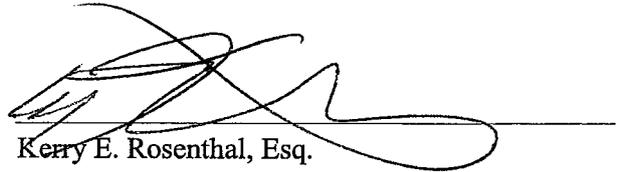
Therefore it is:

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT** the COMPLAINT is hereby  
DISMISSED.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics &  
Public Trust in public session on November 15, 2007.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON  
ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

By:



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