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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

In re: ROSE TYDUS

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PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL DISMISSAL ORDER

The ADVOCATE filed the above-captioned COMPLAINT against RESPONDENT Rose Tydus, a City Commissioner in the City of Opa-Locka, for violations of the County Ethics Code at Sections 2-11.1 (d), prohibiting elected officials from transacting business with their cities; (i), requiring elected officials to submit accurate financial disclosures; and (j), prohibiting elected officials from engaging in conflicting outside employment. Specifically, the COMPLAINT alleged that RESPONDENT failed to provide accurate and complete information on a financial disclosure form filed on June 23, 2006; that on three occasions between 2004 to 2006 she improperly transacted business with Waste Management, Inc., a city vendor; and during the same time she engaged in conflicting outside employment while managing her business, "Rose Tydus All Occasion Gift Baskets."

Pursuant to the Code of Miami-Dade County, Section 2-1068 and Section 2-11.1 (y), the Commission on Ethics & Public Trust has jurisdiction to enforce the County Ethics Ordinance at Sections 2-11.1 (d), (i), and (j).

On July 8, 2008, the Ethics Commission accepted RESPONDENT's stipulation to legal sufficiency and probable cause regarding these charges. On August 28, 2008, the Ethics Commission entered into a settlement agreement with RESPONDENT, in which RESPONDENT agreed not to contest the allegations in the COMPLAINT and to pay a fine of \$1,500.00 in full

satisfaction of one charge involving the inaccurate financial disclosure report and a second charge of improper business transactions with Waste Management, Inc. The Ethics Commission agreed not to impose a fine regarding allegations of outside employment conflicts, but instead to issue a Letter of Reprimand in the matter. RESPONDENT was offered and accepted a monthly payment plan with terms that extend to July 1, 2009.

Finding that the Settlement Agreement was just and in the best interests of the citizens of Miami-Dade County and the City of Opa-Locka, the COMPLAINT against Rose Tydus was dismissed.

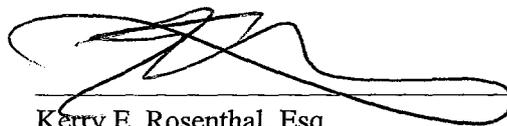
Therefore it is:

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 August 28, 2008.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON
ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

By:



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Chairman