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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

In re: Shawn Beightol/

Case No: 08-17

PUBLIC REPORT AND ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT

Michael Perez filed the above-captioned complaint against Shawn Beightol ("Respondent"), a candidate for the Miami-Dade County School Board, for violation of the Ethical Campaign Practices ordinance. The complaint alleged the Respondent violated Statement 5 of the voluntary section which states that a candidate shall not publish, display or circulate any anonymous campaign literature or political advertisement. The Respondent signed the voluntary declaration on June 6, 2008.

The Respondent was a District 3 candidate for the Miami-Dade County School Board. The Respondent is a public school teacher and union steward at Michael Krop Senior High School. During the campaign, the Respondent sent electronic mail from his public school account asking for support for his campaign. The Respondent's e-mails detail his platform and ask for support by serving as volunteers

and poll workers during the campaign. The e-mails are all signed with the signature, Shawn Beightol for School Board District 3, and contain an e-mail address with his name included in the address line.

On August 28, 2008, the Ethics Commission found the complaint legally insufficient because the electronic mail messages contained information regarding the campaign and the name of the sender. Thereafter, after reviewing the complaint and being otherwise advised in the premises, the Ethics Commission ordered dismissal of the complaint. Therefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT the Complaint is **DISMISSED** for failure to state a violation of the Fair Campaign Practices Act.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust in public session on August 28, 2008.

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

By: 

Kerry Rosenthal
Chairperson

cc: Shawn Beightol
Michael Perez