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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

In re: REBECCA ALVAREZ-MENA /

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PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL DISMISSAL ORDER

The Assistant Advocate filed the above-referenced COMPLAINT against RESPONDENT Rebecca Alvarez-Mena, a member of the City of Miami's Equal Opportunity Advisory Board in 2006.

RESPONDENT was alleged to have violated the County Code at § 2-11.1 (i)(1) when she failed to file a financial disclosure statement by July 1, 2007. The COMPLAINT asserted that the Miami City Clerk's office sent RESPONDENT a letter on June 1, 2007, reminding her to file one of four types of financial disclosure records by July 1, 2007. The allegation continues that RESPONDENT did not act upon this letter nor upon three subsequent letters urging her to comply.

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 § 2-11.1 (i)(1), which requires advisory board members to file financial disclosure statements by July 1st following the year in which they serve.

On September 25, 2008, the Ethics Commission found the COMPLAINT legally sufficient. On October 30, 2008, the Ethics Commission dismissed the COMPLAINT, at its

discretion, because the public interest would not be served by proceeding further.¹ Specifically, RESPONDENT may not have received proper notification of financial disclosure deadlines and of late notices. Additionally, she no longer serves on the board, and she filed a Source of Income Statement for 2006 once the Ethics Commission staff contacted her.

Therefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT the COMPLAINT is hereby DISMISSED at the discretion of the Ethics Commission.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on October 30, 2008.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON
ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

By:



Kerry E. Rosenthal, Esq.
Chairman

¹ Section 2-1074 (s) of the County Code allows the Ethics Commission to dismiss any COMPLAINT at any stage of disposition should it determine that “the public interest would not be served by proceeding further.”