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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

In re: SAM MASON /

C 08-23

**PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL DISMISSAL ORDER**

The Assistant Advocate filed the above-referenced COMPLAINT against RESPONDENT Sam Mason, 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 he 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 him 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 him 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, RESPONDENT is extremely ill and no longer serves on the board.

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

<sup>1</sup> 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.”