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

In re: Kentward Forbes

Case No: 09-05

**PUBLIC REPORT AND ORDER ACCEPTING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

The Advocate filed the above-captioned complaint against Kentward Forbes ("Respondent") for alleged violation of Section 2-11.1(i) (financial disclosure). The four-count complaint alleged the Respondent failed to disclose all of his income on his financial disclosure forms for 2005, 2006 and 2007.

The Respondent is a member of the Naranja Lakes Community Redevelopment Agency. In 2006, the Respondent failed to report income from the First National Bank of South Florida under secondary sources of income on his Statement of Financial Interests. In 2007, the Respondent failed to report income from the law firm of Holland and Knight, Sandy Rivers Walker and First National Bank of South Florida as secondary sources of income. The Respondent also filed four months after the July 1, 2007 deadline. Finally, in 2008, the Respondent failed to report

his income from Naranja Optimists and/or CIVIC as sources of income.

On April 29, 2009, the Ethics Commission found the complaint legally sufficient. On May 28, 2009, the Ethics Commission found probable cause and ordered a public hearing. Thereafter, on June 17, 2009, the Advocate filed an amended complaint. Subsequently, on October 8, 2009, the Advocate filed a second amended complaint. The Ethics Commission scheduled a public hearing on March 18, 2010.

On March 18, 2010, the Ethics Commission denied the Respondent's Motion to Dismiss and referred the matter to the Advocate for settlement negotiations. On May 19, 2010, the Advocate presented a proposed settlement agreement where the Respondent admitted to the allegations in Counts I and II regarding his financial disclosure forms for 2005 and 2006. The Advocate agreed to dismiss Counts III and IV of the second amended complaint. The Respondent also agreed to pay fines in the amount of fifteen hundred dollars(\$1500) on an installment basis with the total amount due within one year from the date of the settlement order. The settlement agreement also provided for a letter of instruction regarding the allegations in the complaint.

On May 19, 2010, after review of the pleadings and being otherwise advised in the premises, the Ethics

Commission accepted the proposed settlement agreement and ordered dismissal of the complaint.

Therefore it is:

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT** the Complaint is **DISMISSED** with a fine of fifteen hundred dollars and a letter of instruction.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust in public session on May 19, 2010.

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Kerry Rosenthal  
Chairperson

cc: Charles McKinnon, Attorney for Respondent