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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

In re: SANDRA M. RUIZ

C 09-23

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL DISMISSAL ORDER

Felipe E. Madrigal, a private citizen, filed the above-referenced COMPLAINT against RESPONDENT Sandra M. Ruiz, a Councilmember in the City of Doral. The COMPLAINT alleged that Ms. Ruiz violated Florida Statute 286.012 titled "Voting Requirement at Meetings of Governmental Bodies" when she did not vote on a matter before the City Council on August 9, 2009. (Florida Statute 112.3143 (3)(a) controls in this matter; it requires municipal voting members with a voting conflict to announce the conflict in advance, abstain from voting on the matter, and file a disclosure form within 15 days, indicating the nature of the conflict.)

Pursuant to the Code of Miami-Dade County, Section 2-1068 and Section 2-11.1 (y), the Commission on Ethics & Public Trust has no jurisdiction to enforce State law.

Because this COMPLAINT alleges a violation of a law not within the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission, the Ethics Commission dismissed the above-referenced COMPLAINT for lack of legal sufficiency on September 30, 2009.

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 September 30, 2009.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON
ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

By:

Kerry E. Rosenthal, Esq.

Chairman

Signed on this date:

10/19/09