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

**In re: FRANK PINTADO**  
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**C 10-06**

**PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER**

The ADVOCATE for the Commission on Ethics filed the above-referenced COMPLAINT against RESPONDENT Frank Pintado alleging violations of the City of Miami Beach Lobbying Ordinance at § 2-481 et seq.

The COMPLAINT alleged that the RESPONDENT acted as an unregistered lobbyist when he sent an email to City Commissioner Jerry Libbin on March 18, 2009. The email encouraged Commissioner Libben to support an upcoming resolution to terminate the City's current parking contract. Mr. Pintado had a business relationship with a different parking company that previously held the City contract.

Pursuant to the Code of Miami-Dade County at § 2-1068, the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission extends "to any person required to comply with the County or municipal Code of Ethics Ordinances...." The City of Miami Beach Ethics Ordinance at § 2-481 defines "lobbyists" to mean "all persons employed or retained, whether paid or not, by a principal who seeks to encourage the passage, defeat or modification of any ordinance, resolution, action or decision of any commissioner." As per § 2-482 (a) of the City Code, "All lobbyists shall, before engaging in any lobbying activities, register with the city clerk."

On January 12, 2010, the Ethics Commission staff found the COMPLAINT to be LEGALLY SUFFICIENT. On February 25, 2010, RESPONDENT Pintado entered into a SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT with the Commission on Ethics. The RESPONDENT agreed not to contest the allegations against him and to pay the maximum fine of \$500. The Ethics Commission accepted the terms of RESPONDENT'S SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT and dismissed the COMPLAINT, finding that the public's interests would not be served by proceeding further.

Therefore it is:

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT** Complaint C 10-06 is hereby dismissed.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on February 25, 2010.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON  
ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

By:

  
Kerry E. Rosenthal, Esq.  
Chairman

Signed on this date: 3/10/10