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

In re: MANUEL RICHARDSON

C 10-08

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL DISMISSAL ORDER

COMPLAINANT, Luis M. Campillo Franceschini, a citizen, filed this COMPLAINT on January 21, 2010, alleging ethics violations against RESPONDENT Manuel Richardson, a Candidate for City Commissioner in the City of Miami District #1.

The COMPLAINT contended that Manuel Richardson violated unspecified sections of the County Ethics Code and Ethical Campaign Practices Ordinance. The COMPLAINT alleged that Candidate Richardson, after receiving a campaign contribution from the COMPLAINANT, provided the COMPLAINANT's check to a third party without redacting the bank account number. The third party subsequently published the check as part of campaign literature in District #1, and as a result, the COMPLAINANT believed it was necessary for him to close his bank account.

Pursuant to the Code of Miami-Dade County, § 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 County's Ethical Campaign Practices Ordinance at Sec. 2-11.1.1 (A) (iv) extends to "Candidates, and their respective campaign

staffs, for any municipal elective office within Miami-Dade County....” Nothing in the County Ethics Code and the Ethical Campaign Practices Ordinance, however, prohibits activities described in this COMPLAINT.

Because the COMPLAINT does not point to any actions that violate the County Ethics Ordinance or the Ethical Campaign Practices Ordinance, the Ethics Commission DISMISSED the COMPLAINT on February 25, 2010, due to lack of legal sufficiency.

Therefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT the COMPLAINT against RESPONDENT Manuel Richardson 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: March 4, 2010