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

In re: MARLENE SANCHEZ
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PUBLIC REPORT AND DISMISSAL ORDER

The Assistant Advocate for the Commission on Ethics filed the above-referenced COMPLAINT on April 27, 2010, against RESPONDENT Marlene Sanchez, a member of the City of Miami Equal Opportunity Advisory Board. The COMPLAINT alleged that Ms. Sanchez violated Sec. 2-11.1(i)(1) of the County Ethics Code when she failed to file a financial disclosure form for the year 2007.

Pursuant to the Code of Miami-Dade County, Sec. 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 Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (i)(1), *Financial disclosure*, states that municipal advisory board members must file by July 1st of each year "an itemized source of income statement, under oath and on a form approved by the County for said purpose."

The Ethics Commission staff found the COMPLAINT to be LEGALLY SUFFICIENT based on documentation presented by the City Clerk for the City of Miami. On April 27, 2010, the Ethics Commission found PROBABLE CAUSE existed to charge RESPONDENT with failure to file financial disclosure for 2007. Subsequently, the Ethics Commission staff made numerous attempts to contact RESPONDENT to advise her of the COMPLAINT against her and of the financial disclosure requirement associated with board service. In early May 2010,

RESPONDENT contacted the Ethics Commission staff to explain that she did not file the financial disclosure form because she had been removed from the Board. Once she was advised of her responsibility to file for 2007, a year in which she served, RESPONDENT complied immediately.

On May 19, 2010, the Ethics Commission granted the Assistant Advocate's MOTION TO VOLUNTARILY DISMISS the COMPLAINT. Sec. 2-1074 (s) of the County Code states that the Ethics Commission may, at its discretion, "... dismiss any complaint at any stage of disposition should it determine that the public interest would not be served by proceeding further...." Since RESPONDENT complied with the financial disclosure requirement associated with board service, the Ethics Commission reasoned that the public would not be served in continuing with this matter.

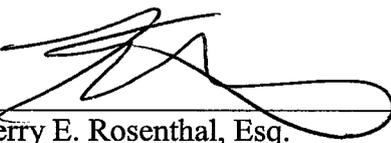
Therefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT the COMPLAINT against RESPONDENT Marlene Sanchez is hereby DISMISSED.

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

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS
& PUBLIC TRUST

By:



Kerry E. Rosenthal, Esq.
Chairman

Signed on this date: May 26, 2010