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

In re: SERGIO PURRINOS
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C 11-21

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER

The DEPUTY ADVOCATE for the Commission on Ethics filed the above-referenced COMPLAINT against RESPONDENT Sergio Purrinos, the former City Manager for the City of Homestead. The COMPLAINT alleged that RESPONDENT exploited his official position to secure special privileges for others—actions that are prohibited under the Miami-Dade County Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (g).

Specifically, Count One alleged that RESPONDENT improperly voided a balance due by a customer of the City Electric Department. A second count alleged RESPONDENT improperly refunded \$1,000 to another customer of the City Electric Department. Purportedly, these actions were taken at the prompting of City of Homestead Mayor Steven Bateman, but evidence was not sufficient to file charges against Mayor Bateman.

Pursuant to the County Code at Secs. 2-1068 and 2-11.1(a), the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission extends to municipal employees. The County Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (g) prohibits a municipal employee from using his official position to secure special privileges or exemptions for himself or others.

On September 20, 2011, in public session, the DEPUTY ADVOCATE reported that RESPONDENT stipulated to probable cause and pleaded no contest to Count Two involving the refund of \$1,000. As part of the negotiated settlement, the Ethics Commission dismissed Count

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One and waived the \$500 fine prescribe by the Ethics Code. RESPONDENT agreed to accept a Letter of Instruction. Also, the utility accounts in question were reinstated by the current City Manager.

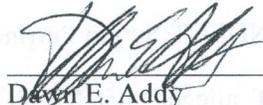
Therefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT COMPLAINT C 11-21 is hereby SETTLED.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on September 20, 2011.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS
& PUBLIC TRUST

By:



Dawn E. Addy
Chair

Signed on this date: 11/03/11