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

**In re: RIGERMAN V. PIZZI**

**C 11-27**

**PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL DISMISSAL ORDER**

COMPLAINANT Alan W. Rigerman, a private citizen, filed the above-referenced COMPLAINT on August 1, 2011, alleging violations of the Miami-Dade County Citizens' Bill of Rights by RESPONDENT Michael A. Pizzi, Jr., Mayor of the Town of Miami Lakes.

COMPLAINANT alleged that he was not recognized and could not make public comments at public meetings of the Miami Lakes Town Council on June 14, 2011, and July 12, 2011. Mayor Pizzi presided over both meetings. The allegations, if true, could possibly violate an element of the Citizens' Bill of Rights, which generally supports a citizen's right to be heard at public meetings.

The Ethics Commission has no authority to enforce the Citizen's Bill of Rights. Rather, issues that fall under the Bill of Rights may only be resolved through a lawsuit filed by the aggrieved citizen in the Dade County Circuit Court. *See* Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter, Citizen's Bill of Rights, at Sec. (C).

On August 23, 2011, the Ethics Commission **DISMISSED** the above-referenced COMPLAINT for **LACK OF LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**. Although the Ethics Commission does not have authority to enforce violations of the Citizens' Bill of Rights, the Commission issued a

Letter of Instruction on a Citizen's Right to be Heard for the edification of the citizens and elected officials of Miami-Dade County.

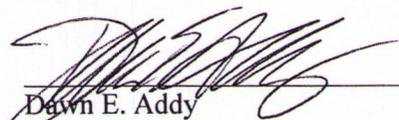
Therefore it is:

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT** the COMPLAINT against RESPONDENT Michael A. Pizzi, Jr., is hereby **DISMISSED** and a general Letter of Instruction is issued.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on August 23, 2011.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON  
ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

By:

  
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Dawn E. Addy  
Chair

Signed on this date: 9/22/2011