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

In re: CRYSTAL V. BOWER

C 11-31

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL DISMISSAL ORDER

COMPLAINANT David Crystal, a private citizen and candidate for the office of Mayor in the City of Miami Beach, filed the above-referenced COMPLAINT on September 12, 2011. The COMPLAINT alleged violations of the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code by RESPONDENT Matti Bower, Mayor of the City of Miami Beach.

COMPLAINANT claimed that in the years of 2006 and through to March 5, 2007, while RESPONDENT Bower served as a City Commissioner, she exploited her official position to inflate her pension entitlements by filing inaccurate retirement forms. The allegations, if true, could possibly violate the County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (g), which prohibits an elected official from using her official position to secure special privileges for herself or others.

Pursuant to the County Code at Secs. 2-1068 and 2-11.1(a), the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission extends to municipal officers. However, Sec. 2-1074 (x) of the Code prohibits the Ethics Commission from taking any action on a COMPLAINT filed more than three years after the violation is alleged to have occurred.

On September 20, 2011, the Ethics Commission DISMISSED the above-referenced COMPLAINT for lack of legal sufficiency, based on the three-year Statute of Limitations. In this

case, the last of the alleged actions in regard to filing inaccurate pension forms took place more than three years ago, on March 5, 2007.

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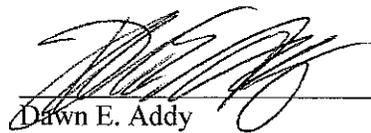
Therefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the COMPLAINT against RESPONDENT Matti Bower is hereby DISMISSED for lack of legal sufficiency.

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: 9/22/2011