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COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST**

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In re: Vazquez v. Tobin

C 13-03

**PUBLIC REPORT
AND
FINAL DISMISSAL ORDER**

Angel Vazquez, a Miami Beach Police Major, filed the above-referenced complaint against respondent Edward L. Tobin, a City Commissioner in the City of Miami Beach. The complaint alleged that respondent improperly interfered in the City's process to hire a Police Chief and other police officers in 2012. If true, these actions might violate the Miami Beach Code of Ethics at Sec. 2-451 (using one's official position to secure special privileges for another) and Sec. 2-460 (acting on behalf of another party with respect to an issue coming before the City Commission).

Pursuant to the Code of Miami-Dade County at Secs. 2-1068 and 2-11.1 (a), the Ethics Commission is empowered to enforce the County and municipal Code of Ethics ordinances and to accept and enforce settlement agreements entered into by the advocate and respondents.

On August 8, 2013, in public session, the Ethics Commission dismissed the complaint for lack of probable cause to conclude that respondent could be charged with any of the violations of the Miami Beach Code of Ethics enumerated in the

complaint. However, the Ethics Commission issued a Letter of Instruction to respondent with guidelines regarding the proper role of an elected official in the City's hiring process.

The Ethics Commission hereby enters the attached Letter of Instruction as part of its Final Report and Order.

Therefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that COMPLAINT C 13-03 against Respondent Edward L. Tobin is hereby dismissed.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on August 8, 2013.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS
& PUBLIC TRUST

By:


Charlton Copeland
Chair

Signed on this date: 10/10/2013