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COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST**

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**In re: Melton v. Sobel**  
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**C 13-19**

**PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER**

Eston "Dusty" Melton, a private citizen, filed the above-referenced complaint against respondent Stuart Sobel, a private attorney in Miami-Dade County.

The complaint alleged that respondent violated the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (s)(2) when he failed to register as a lobbyist prior to protesting a bidder's proposal to operate and maintain the automated people mover at Miami International Airport. Respondent acknowledged that he wrote two letters in June 2013 to County procurement personnel seeking to have a bidder deemed nonresponsive.

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

On September 12, 2013, in public session, the Ethics Commission approved a settlement agreement with Mr. Sobel. In return for dismissing the first count found in the complaint, Mr. Sobel consented to pay a \$500 fine related to the second count and to accept a Letter of Instruction from the Ethics Commission. The Ethics

Commission hereby enters the Final Settlement Agreement and attached Letter of Instruction as its Final Report and Order.

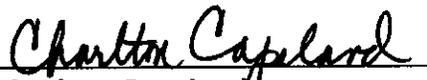
Therefore it is:

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that COMPLAINT C 13-19 against respondent Stuart Sobel is hereby concluded.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on September 12, 2013.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS  
& PUBLIC TRUST

By:

  
Charlton Copeland

Chair

Signed on this date: 10/10/2013