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

**In re:
City of Hialeah Officials
(Consolidated cases)**

C 13-34

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER

Jose Azze, a private citizen, filed these complaints¹ against various officials of the City of Hialeah alleging violations of Section 2-11.1(g), *Exploitation of official position prohibited*, of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance.

On February 13, 2014, in closed session, the Ethics Commission's Advocate recommended that the cases be dismissed for lack of Probable Cause.

The City of Hialeah entered into an agreement with El Duke Sports Association which, among other things, permitted El Duke to put on instructional baseball clinics and league tournaments.

Complainant disagrees with the City's decision to enter into such an agreement and feels that it does not serve the best interests of the citizens of Hialeah. Our review focused on whether or not there were any violations of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics. Although the City admits that there has been some lax oversight of this contract that alone does not amount to an ethics violation.

In open session, the Ethics Commission voted unanimously to dismiss the cases for lack of Probable Cause.

¹ Azze originally filed his allegations under complaint number C13-32. However, that complaint failed to identify any specific individual that Azze was complaining about, listing the entire City of Hialeah as the respondent; that complaint was dismissed. Subsequently, Azze filed a series of complaints numbered C13-34, C13-43, C13-44, C13-45 and C13-46 which all reiterated the same allegations as originally made in C13-32. In January 2014, these complaints were consolidated into C13-34. Azze also filed complaint C13-33 which makes different allegations and will be addressed in a separate Final Order.

Therefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that complaints consolidated as C13-34 are hereby concluded.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on February 13, 2014.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS
& PUBLIC TRUST

By:



Nelson Bellido
Chair

Signed on this date: 2/26/2014