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

In re.

C 13-42

Lillian A. Ser
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PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER

Eston E. Melton filed the above-referenced complaint against Respondent, Lillian Ser (Ser). The complaint alleged that Respondent violated Sec. 2-11.1(s), entitled *Lobbying*, of the Miami-Dade Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance (the Ordinance), when she sent a series of e-mails on behalf of two (2) bidders for an Aviation Department RFP, regarding the bid, before registering as a lobbyist on their behalf.

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 Deputy General Counsel/Advocate and Respondents.

On April 16, 2014, in closed session, the Ethics Commission held a probable cause hearing and found that there was insufficient evidence to substantiate a claim that Respondent violated Sec. 2-11.1(s) of the Ordinance, as Respondent relied on a reasonable interpretation of the language in the bid packet regarding lobbying registration. The language stated that lobbyist registration was only required when

the individual was going to address the Board of County Commissioner, or a County board or committee. It failed to state that registration is also required when addressing County personnel during the time period of the entire decision-making process.

Therefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that COMPLAINT C 13-42 against Respondent Lillian A. Ser is hereby dismissed with the attached general Letter of Clarification.

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

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS
& PUBLIC TRUST

By:



Nelson Bellido
Chair

Signed on this date: 8/19/2014