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COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST**

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLA.
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**In re:
Torres v. Renfrow et al**

C 14-11

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER

The complainant, Phillip Torres (Torres), a County employee, filed this complaint against John Renfrow, the Director of the County's Water and Sewer Department (WASD), Edward Vega, an Assistant Director at WASD and Victor Fernandez-Cuervo, a WASD engineer. Complainant alleges mismanagement and wasteful spending by Renfrow and others in his administration. Torres also complains about Renfrow's judgment in appointing him (Torres) to engage in clerical duties.

On February 13, 2014, in closed session, the Ethics Commission's Advocate recommended that the case be dismissed as not legally sufficient because the allegations in the complaint do not fall within the jurisdiction of the Miami-Dade County Ethics Commission. This issue is a personnel issue. Section 2-1067 of the Miami-Dade County Code specifically provides that the Ethics Commission is not intended to serve as a personnel board or to resolve personnel matters. Since the complaint also alleges acts of waste and mismanagement, the complaint will be referred to the Inspector General.

In open session, the Ethics Commission voted unanimously to dismiss the instant case against all respondents.

Therefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that COMPLAINT C 14-11 is 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: 3/13/2014