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MIAMI-DADE
COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

In-re:
Gonzalez v. Garcia

C 14-51

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER

Jorge Gonzalez (Gonzalez), a Commissioner in the City of North Bay Village (NBV), filed this complaint against his opponent Mario Garcia (Garcia). Gonzalez alleged that Garcia violated the Mandatory Fair Campaign Practices ordinance (MFCP) by distributing campaign material that contained untrue statements.

The MFCP ordinance states, in pertinent part, that a candidate for municipal office shall not:

“With actual malice publish or cause to be published by writing, printing, picture, effigy, sign or otherwise than by mere speech an untrue statement about another candidate or a member of his...staff which exposes said person to hatred, contempt or ridicule or causes said person to be shunned or avoided, or injured in his or her business occupation.”

On May 13, 2015, in open session, the Ethics Commission found that complainant was not exposed to hatred, contempt or ridicule or caused to be shunned or avoided, or injured in his or her business occupation. Moreover, the alleged false statements were not entirely false. The Ethics Commission found there was No Probable Cause to sustain the complaint and ordered the complaint to be dismissed.

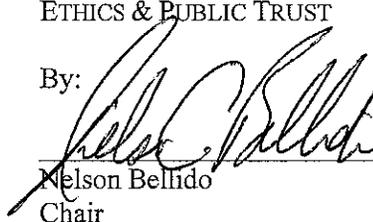
Wherefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that COMPLAINT C 14-51 against respondent Mario Garcia is hereby concluded.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on May 13, 2015.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON
ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

By:


Nelson Bellido
Chair

Signed on this date: 5/28/2015