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

In re:

C 15-16

Madrigal v. Boria
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PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER

Felipe Madrigal (Madrigal) filed the above-referenced complaint against City of Doral Mayor Luigi Boria [Boria]. Madrigal alleged that Boria violated the "Truth in Government" provision of the Citizens' Bill of Rights by stating on several occasions that the City of Doral (the City) would not use any public funds to underwrite the Miss Universe pageant held on January 25, 2015. Madrigal said the City in fact paid more than \$1.6 million in public funds to the Miss Universe Organization (MUO) in direct contradiction of Boria's statements.

Investigation showed that in September of 2014, the City agreed essentially to commit \$2.5 million dollars of public money as "front" money with the expectation that private sponsorships and donations would off-set the costs to the City.

Boria spoke to a news reporter on October 2, 2014 and stated that "not a single dollar" of public funds would be spent on the Miss Universe pageant. Boria claimed, and corroborating evidence supported, that he was expressing his aspirational goal of receiving enough private donations to off-set the committed public money. This statement, which in hindsight turned out to be false, was akin to a campaign promise that wasn't kept, not an intentional misrepresentation at the time it was made.

Boria's subsequent statement to a TV reporter in May 2015 that "*not a single public dollar was used, that [money] was budgeted*" amounted to an inartfully and inaccurately delivered expression of the fact that some, but not all of the public money was off-set by private donations. That brief snippet of interview was a small portion of a longer interview, which was no longer available, and may have been taken out of context. In conclusion, it was determined that the evidence was insufficient to establish that Boria knowingly furnished false information on any public matter, or knowingly omitted significant facts.

Wherefore, there was insufficient evidence to sustain the allegations in the complaint.

Final Order

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Accordingly, on September 9, 2015, in open session, the Ethics Commission found No Probable Cause to proceed with this complaint and dismissed it.

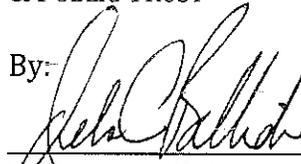
Wherefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that COMPLAINT C 15-16 is hereby concluded.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on September 9, 2015.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS
& PUBLIC TRUST

By:



Nelson C. Bellido
Chair

Signed on this date: 9/26/2015