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MIAMI-DADE
COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

In re:
Mary Cagle

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLA.

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER

Complainant James Rosenberg (Rosenberg) filed this complaint against the Inspector General of Miami-Dade County, Mary Cagle (Cagle), alleging a violation of Section 2-56.28.11 of the Miami-Dade County Code entitled, "Protection of Employees Disclosing Specified Information" (Whistleblower Ordinance).

Rosenberg claimed that he was a whistleblower because he "participated in an investigation" in his capacity as head of the Audit Unit of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and was retaliated against by Cagle. Rosenberg claimed that the PTP Audit he worked on revealed persistent misuse of nearly \$15 million dollars in restricted funds to pay for internal costs that are actually General Fund expenditures. Rosenberg claimed that Cagle told him "he needed to resign" because two senior executives within Miami-Dade County government perceived Rosenberg as being biased against the County.

Investigation determined that Rosenberg's dismissal from the OIG was predicated upon grounds other than, and would have been executed absent Rosenberg's exercise of his rights protected by the Whistleblower Ordinance. Investigation concluded that Rosenberg's managerial abilities and judgment as well as his ability to deal professionally with high level County officials were called into question by Cagle. Rosenberg, a ten-month employee of the OIG, had been verbally counseled on several occasions by both Cagle and the Assistant Inspector General Felix Jimenez. Additionally, Cagle had her General Counsel, Patra Liu, accompany Rosenberg on several out-of-office fieldwork meetings where Liu observed Rosenberg act in an unnecessarily aggressive and unfocused manner.

On January 11, 2017, the Ethics Commission accepted the Advocate's recommendation and found No Probable Cause to the allegations in the complaint and dismissed it.

Wherefore it is:

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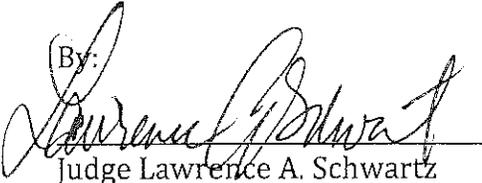
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Final Order

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that COMPLAINT C16-15 against Mary Cagle is concluded.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on this 11th day of January, 2017.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS
& PUBLIC TRUST

By: 

Judge Lawrence A. Schwartz
Chairman
Signed on : 2-8-2017