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MIAMI-DADE

COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

C 16-30 A,B

In re:

Planas v. Santamaria

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER

J.C. Planas, Esq. (Planas), filed these complaints against Alfred Santamaria (Santamaria), former candidate for Mayor of Miami-Dade County. In C16-30A, Planas alleged that Santamaria committed possible violations of State election laws for giving away Miami Marlins tickets as part of his campaign and failing to report them as campaign-related expenditures. In C16-30B, Planas further alleges that Santamaria produced campaign advertisement containing false statements about the prevention of the Zika virus.

A legally sufficient complaint exists where there are allegations of a violation of an ordinance within the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission, purportedly committed by an individual within the authority of the Ethics Commission. With respect to C16-30A, the Ethics Commission does not enforce State Election laws. With respect to C16-30B, Santamaria did not agree to be bound by the Voluntary portion of the Fair Campaign Practices Ordinance, thereby not submitting himself to the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission.

On September 14, 2016, in closed session, the Ethics Commission's Staff Attorney recommended that the cases be dismissed. In open session, the Ethics Commission voted unanimously to find No Legal Sufficiency and dismissed the cases.

Wherefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that COMPLAINT C16-30 A and B against Respondent, Alfred Santamaria, are hereby dismissed.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on September 14, 2016.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON
ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

By:


Jeffrey Cutler, Esq.
Vice- Chair

Signed on this date:

09/26/2016