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In re:  
Gus De Ribeaux

C 17-08 (A)

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLA.

**PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER**

The Advocate filed this complaint against Respondent Gus De Ribeaux (De Ribeaux) alleging that he violated City of Miami Code, Sec. 2-654 (a) entitled "Registration."

De Ribeaux lobbied City of Miami staff on three (3) occasions, October 6, 7 and 20 2016. De Ribeaux is the principal of Battersea Woods LLC who was developing homes in the City. He was trying to influence decision and/or recommendation of City staff regarding the Warrant requirement for the development known as Battersea Woods LLC.

On May 10, 2017, the Ethics Commission found No Probable Cause with regard to De Ribeaux because of ambiguity in the City of Miami code regarding whether a "principal" is considered a "lobbyist."<sup>1</sup>

The Ethics Commission dismissed the complaint against Gus De Ribeaux and ordered that a Letter of Instruction be issued to the City of Miami instructing them to amend their code to properly reflect that the definition of "lobbyist" includes the "principal" as well.

Wherefore it is:

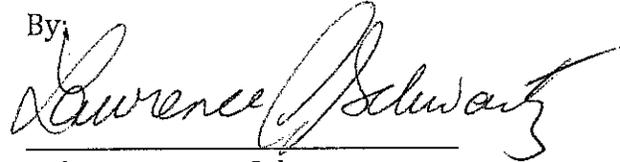
<sup>1</sup> Section 2-11.1 (s) (1) (b) of the County Code specifically provides that "lobbyist" includes the principal.

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that COMPLAINT C 17-08 (A) against respondent  
Gus De Ribeaux is hereby concluded.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics &  
Public Trust in public session on May 10, 2017.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS  
& PUBLIC TRUST

By:



Judge Lawrence Schwartz  
Chair

Signed on this date: 5-22-17