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MIAMI-DADE
COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

In re:

C 17-27

Steven Zelkowitz

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER

Complainant Al Crespo (Crespo) made numerous allegations against Village of Miami Shores Councilman Steven Zelkowitz (Zelkowitz). Among the allegations made were that Zelkowitz refused to comply with voter registration requirements, failed to reside in Miami Shores, lied about the fact that he owned his house in Miami Shores (420 NE 95th street) and may have engaged in a voting conflict.

The Ethics Commission has no jurisdiction over the allegations that Zelkowitz “refus[ed] to comply with the Voter Registration requirements” or that he voted illegally.

Investigation revealed that the assertion that Zelkowitz no longer owns his home at 420 NE 95th street is erroneous. In his Marital Separation Agreement (MSA), it states that “The Wife shall have exclusive possession of the marital residence located at 420 NE 95th St, Miami Shores” and although Zelkowitz signed a quit claim deed on the property to his wife that quit claim was never recorded. Zelkowitz continues to pay the mortgage on the property and both he and his ex-wife are the deeded owners of record.

With regard to the voting conflict allegation, investigation determined that RMA received no work from the City of Palm Springs as a result of the RFQ it submitted a bid on and neither did Zelkowitz or his law firm, Gray Robinson. RMA had not retained or compensated Zelkowitz or Gray Robinson at the time of the Village meetings during which RMA was discussed or voted on. No prohibited relationship existed between Zelkowitz and RMA at any time that Zelkowitz voted to award RMA a contract with the Village of Miami Shores and neither Zelkowitz nor his law firm received any benefit as a result of RMA being awarded the Miami Shores contract.

On December 14, 2017, in open session, the Ethics Commission found that there was No Probable Cause to support the allegations and dismissed the complaint.

Wherefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that COMPLAINT C 17-27 is hereby concluded.

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Final Order

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DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics &
Public Trust in public session on this 14th day of December, 2017.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON
ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

By:



H. Jeffrey Cutler

Vice-Chair

Signed on : 12/20/2017