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MIAMI-DADE
COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

In re:
Carlos Rodriguez

C 17-28

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER

The Advocate filed this complaint against Carlos Rodriguez (Rodriguez). Rodriguez is the CEO of Driftwood Acquisitions & Development, a respondent to Miami-Dade Aviation Department RFQ No. MDAD16-03, to operate a hotel at Miami International Airport. Rodriguez sent an email, regarding the RFQ, to a senior aviation official while the Cone of Silence (COS) was in effect.

Investigation determined that Rodriguez sent an email dated May 5, 2017, to Ken Pyatt, the County's deputy aviation director, alleging that the selection committee made a "major mistake", following a selection committee meeting and subsequent rankings report in which Driftwood finished second among five respondents. Rodriguez did not file a copy of the e-mail with the Clerk of the Board, in violation of the COS.

Rodriguez acknowledged that he made a mistake by sending the message to Mr. Pyatt and entered a settlement agreement.

On December 14, 2017, in open session, the Ethics Commission accepted Respondent's plea of No Contest and ordered that a Letter of Reprimand be issued.

Wherefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that COMPLAINT C 17-28 is hereby concluded.

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:

Hon. Lawrence A. Schwartz
Chairman

Signed on: 2-6-2018

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Final Order