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MIAMI-DADE
COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

In re:

C 17-33

Miami Shores

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER

Complainant, Al Crespo (Crespo), filed this complaint naming the Village administration of Miami Shores as respondent.

Crespo alleged that the Miami Shores Village "administration" fail[ed] to enforce the Village's lobbying ordinance. He alleged that the Village has no signage in public areas advising individuals to register as lobbyists.

There is no provision in the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance that requires signage in public areas or sign in logs.

Our review of the Village lobbying ordinance determined that it is not consistent with the minimum standards required by the County's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics. Section 2-100 (b) (4) of the Village code excludes an entire class of individuals from having to register as "lobbyists." The class of individuals carved out by the Village as excluded from lobbyist registration requirements would be required to register as lobbyists under the County Code.

COE staff met with the Village Attorney who advised that he is preparing proposed amendments to the Village lobbyist ordinance that will bring it into compliance with the County standard.

The complaint however, does not allege a specific violation of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics or any other matter within the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission, and, accordingly, it is not legally sufficient.

On December 14, 2017, in open session, the Ethics Commission found that the complaint was NOT legally sufficient and dismissed the complaint.

Wherefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that COMPLAINT C 17-33 is hereby concluded.

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Final Order

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