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In re:
Claudia Cubillos

C19-06-02

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER

The Advocate filed this complaint against the Mayor of El Portal, Claudia Cubillos, for violating Section 2-11.1(g) of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance entitled, *Exploitation of official position prohibited*.

The COE received information that Mayor Cubillos had utilized Village employees to move a piano that was being donated to her private business.

Cubillos admitted that on or about October 31, 2018, one of her employees at her daycare center received a call from a realtor asking if the daycare center was interested in receiving a donation of a piano. Cubillos called back and learned that the piano would be donated to her school, but only if she could arrange to have it picked up that afternoon because the realtor needed to empty out a house.

After first calling a neighbor, who had a pick-up truck, Cubillos called her husband who suggested she call the Village Manager. The Manager asked a Village employee if he would help move the piano to the daycare center. Ultimately, two Village employees, along with two employees of the daycare center, moved the piano from the donor site to the daycare center.

Mayor Cubillos stipulated to a finding of probable cause in this matter. The Ethics Commission considered and agreed with the Advocate's recommendation that this case be dismissed pursuant to Section 2-1074 (s) of the Miami-Dade County Code and that the Mayor be issued a Letter of Instruction and pay \$500.00 in investigative costs. The investigation determined that although the Village employee was asked by the Village Manager to do the Mayor a favor, the actual moving of the piano did not take place on Village time.

Wherefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that COMPLAINT C 19-06-02 against Respondent Claudia Cubillos is hereby dismissed.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on April 10, 2019.

Miami-Dade County Commission
on Ethics and Public Trust

By:

H. Jeffrey Cutler

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Chairman

Signed on: 04-18-2019