



CLERK OF THE BOARD

**FILE COPY**

2019 JUN 24 AM 11:47

CLERK, CIRCUIT & COUNTY OFFICE  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLA.  
#1

**MIAMI-DADE  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST**

**In re:**

**C 19-17-04**

**Joe Carollo**

---

**PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER**

Complainant, Maximiliano Valdes (Valdes), filed this complaint against City of Miami Commissioner Joe Carollo (Carollo).

Valdes filed a complaint based on two letters addressed to the "City of Miami Leadership and Elected Officials" from an individual named Thomas Reyes (Reyes) who is the President of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), the collective bargaining unit for the City of Miami Police Department.

The first letter alleged that Reyes received information from one of his union members concerning an interaction with the union member/ police officer and Carollo at the Venezuela Benefit Concert in Bayfront Park. The interaction concerned a phone conversation between the police officer and Carollo regarding a set list of songs to be performed by a particular band at the concert. It was alleged that Carollo was condescending during the phone call. The police officer had some further interactions with Carollo at the concert but none of the complained of activity amounts to a violation of the County Ethics Code.

The letter also references statements made by Carollo on September 18, 2018 during a radio show interview. The COE obtained a recording of the radio show and reviewed the statements made by Carollo. The complaint alleges the remarks made were "slandorous." A review of the remarks, however, did not reveal any violations of the Ethics Code or the Citizens' Bill of Rights.<sup>1</sup>

The second letter attached to the complaint recounted a conversation between Carollo and Reyes. A review of this letter did not reveal anything that amounts to a violation of the County Ethics Code.

---

<sup>1</sup> Discourteous remarks do not constitute an ethics violation. *See* C 14-34.

On June 12, 2019, the Ethics Commission agreed with the recommendation of the Advocate that this complaint was not legally sufficient and dismissed it.

Wherefore it is:

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that COMPLAINT C19-17-04 is dismissed.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS  
& PUBLIC TRUST

By:

*H Jeff Cutler*

H. Jeffrey Cutler

Chairman

Signed on : \_\_\_\_\_

*June 20th, 2019*