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

**In re:**

**C 19-23-05**

**Strozier-Bryant**

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**PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER**

Complainant, Diana Strozier-Bryant (Strozier-Bryant), filed two complaints, C19-23-05 against Carlos Gimenez, the Mayor of Miami-Dade County (Gimenez) and the other, C19-22-05, against Michael Liu, (Liu), the Director of the Miami-Dade County Public Housing and Community Development (PHCD).

Among other things, Strozier-Bryant alleged that Respondents Gimenez and Liu took away the right of Overall Tenant Advisory Council (OTAC) to meet on a regular basis and denied residents their voice on public housing issues.

Investigation determined that on or about September 2016, the Department of Public Housing and Community Development (PHCD) notified OTAC about unaccounted receipts and misappropriation of Resident Participation Funds in connection with a 2015 OTAC Holiday Toy Giveaway. Such misappropriation constituted a violation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between OTAC and PHCD. Subsequently, on or about February 21, 2017, an OTAC meeting was held wherein the OTAC members voted and approved a motion to remove Strozier-Bryant from office.

Despite being removed from office, Strozier-Bryant attempted to call a quarterly OTAC meeting and PHCD had to request Strozier-Bryant cease and desist such actions since she was removed from office and no longer had authority to call meetings. PHCD also demanded reimbursement of approximately \$2,419.19 from Strozier-Bryant regarding the misappropriated funds.

Investigation showed that Strozier-Bryant's allegations about the Mayor and Director Liu denying tenants their rights are unsupported by the facts and the evidence. Complainant's disagreement with the way the County and the PHCD manage the public housing program do not constitute sufficient cause to sustain an ethics violation.

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Final Order

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

Wherefore it is:

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that COMPLAINT C19-23-05 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. Jeffrey Cutler*

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Chairman

Signed on : June 20th, 2019