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MIAMI-DADE
COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

C 19-04-01

In re:

Idania Llanio and Prisca Barreto

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER

The Mayor of Sweetwater, Orlando Lopez, (Lopez) filed this complaint against City of Sweetwater Commissioners Idania Llanio and Prisca Barreto. Along with his complaint, Lopez provided a Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) closeout memorandum dated January 17, 2017. Lopez had made a complaint to FDLE virtually identical to the allegations he makes in the instant ethics complaint against Commissioners Llanio and Barreto.

The 2017 FDLE closeout memo concluded that the allegation of extortion against Llanio and Barreto was "unfounded." Despite this finding by FDLE, of which Lopez was aware for over two years, he now complains, based on the same set of facts, the exact same allegations against Commissioners Llanio and Barreto claiming their actions constitute an exploitation of their official positions. Lopez cites no new evidence to support his claim other than the same actions he alleged to FDLE two years ago.

The complaint fails to allege any actions by Commissioners Llanio and Barreto that would constitute a violation of the Conflict of Interest or Code of Ethics ordinance. Complainant Lopez brought the same allegations to FDLE over two years ago and they concluded that the allegation of extortion was unfounded. Complainant now brings those exact same allegations to the Ethics Commission suggesting that they constitute an exploitation of official position.

Investigation determined that Commissioner Llanio is running for Mayor against Lopez. The fact that complainant has waited over two years to bring this allegation against Llanio to the Ethics Commission after FDLE has cleared her of any wrongdoing strongly suggests that this complaint was politically motivated.

Because this complaint does not identify any violations within the jurisdiction of the Miami-Dade County Ethics Commission the complaint is NOT LEGALLY SUFFICIENT and is hereby dismissed.

Wherefore it is:

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Final Order

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that COMPLAINT C19-04-01 against Idania Llanio and Prisca Barreto is dismissed.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on this 13th day of March 2019.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON
ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

By/



H. Jeffrey Cutler

Chairman

Signed on:

03-19-2019