



## MIAMI-DADE COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

### Summary of Action Expedited Hearing of November 1, 2018

An Expedited Hearing was convened in the Biscayne Building, 19 West Flagler Street, Suite 820, Miami, FL, on November 1, 2018. Present were Hearing Examiner Judge Rosa Rodriguez. Also present from the Miami-Dade Ethics Commission staff were Jose Arrojo, Executive Director; Michael Murawski, Advocate; Gilma Diaz-Greco, Martha Perez, Radia Turay, Staff Attorneys; Communications Director Rhonda Victor Sibilia, Investigator Susannah Nesmith; Rachelle Ross, Executive Secretary; Complainant Rachel Streitfeld, and Respondent Attorney J. C. Planas.

#### **Introduction**

Advocate Michael Murawski opened the hearing at 1:30 p.m., explaining that Complaint **C 18-45-10** was filed by Rachel Streitfeld against North Bay Village Commissioner and Mayoral candidate Laura Cattabriga. As the request for the expedited hearing was received on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, the Advocate did not have time to conduct a full investigation and made no recommendation.

#### **Arguments**

Ms. Streitfeld narrated a five-minute security video from the lobby of her condominium building, Island Place, showing Cattabriga and North Bay Village Vice Mayor Andreana Jackson, wearing campaign T-shirts, canvassing a resident. Ms. Jackson is seen removing flyers promoting a "meet and greet" Ms. Streitfeld was holding for competing mayoral candidate Brent Latham. Streitfeld alleged there was a violation of the Mandatory Fair Campaign Practices Ordinance when Vice Mayor Jackson took all of the handouts.

Attorney J.C. Planas argued there was no violation.

Judge Rodriguez determined there was no evidence that Commissioner Cattabriga had knowledge that Ms. Jackson took the flyers and dismissed the complaint.

#### **Adjournment**

The hearing concluded at 2:18 p.m.

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