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Public Hearing set on complaint against Miami City Commissioner

The Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust (COE) will hold a public hearing beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2013, regarding **Complaint 12-32** (Crespo v. Carollo).

Last November, the Commission found Probable Cause that Miami City Commissioner Frank Carollo exploited his official position by calling the Miami police chief after being pulled over for a traffic violation in Coconut Grove in August 2012. The investigation determined that, after being pulled over, Carollo called the chief, who subsequently called the area commander, who then told dispatchers to have the officer call him. The officer let Carollo go with a warning.

During the hearing, both sides may present evidence and witnesses for Ethics Commissioners to determine whether Carollo used or intended to exploit his position to influence police officials, which would be a violation of the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance. The hearing is open to the public.

The Ethics Commission was created in 1996 as an independent agency with advisory and quasi-judicial powers. It is composed of five members, serving staggered terms of four years each. Through a program of education, outreach and enforcement, the Commission seeks to empower the community and bolster public trust.

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