

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST



In Re: Mac Donald Kennedy

C 20-25-07

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER

Complainant Joyce Goulart da Silva (Goulart) filed this complaint against Mac Donald Kennedy (Kennedy), Commissioner of the Village of Biscayne Park, alleging Kennedy cyberbullied her on social media, in violation of the County Ethics Code or an ordinance within the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission.

Legal sufficiency exists where the complaint adequately alleges a violation of an ordinance within the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission, committed by an individual within the authority of the Ethics Commission and filed with the Ethics Commission within three years of the alleged violation.

The posts authored by Kennedy on the social media app, Nextdoor, do not communicate threat or harassment but rather reflect the opinions of a resident of the Village of Biscayne Park surrounding a public event taking place in the community, and are thus, insufficient to allege a violation of an ordinance within the Ethics Commission jurisdiction.

On October 14, 2020, the Ethics Commission dismissed the complaint for lack of legal sufficiency. Wherefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that COMPLAINT C20-25-07 against Respondent Mac Donald Kennedy is hereby dismissed.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session at the virtual meeting held on October 14, 2020.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

By:

Nelson C. Bellido, Esq.
Chair

Signed on

11/14/2020