

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST**



**C20-32-08**

**In re:**

**Eileen Higgins**

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**PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER**

Attorney Rick Yabor (Yabor), filed this complaint against District 5 County Commissioner Eileen Higgins (Higgins). Yabor alleged that Higgins exploited her official position by having County staff distribute her campaign literature while they were distributing COVID-19 literature and supplies in the Coral Way area and campaigning during food distribution events paid for by the County.

Yabor advised a COE Investigator that he was hired by the Renier Diaz de la Portilla campaign, who is running against Higgins and that campaign officials provided him with the information in the complaint, which he said he filed on behalf of the campaign

Investigation determined that the photographs provided by Yabor along with the complaint were not taken by him or in his presence. Yabor never provided the COE with the names or contact information for the people or persons who actually took the photographs.

There was also a noted discrepancy concerning a mis-identified e-mail attributed to Higgins which; investigation determined, was initiated by Luis Mendoza, an employee of the County's Office of Management and Budget. Additionally, the ambiguous nature of the photo supplied by Yabor purporting to show a "County" vehicle and Higgins "team" members, was not able to be substantiated as what Complainant Yabor alleged it to be.

On October 14, 2020, the Ethics Commission agreed with the recommendation of the Advocate that there was No Probable Cause to support the allegations in the complaint and dismissed it.

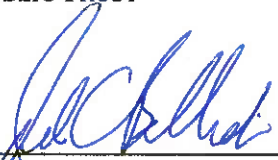
Wherefore it is:

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that COMPLAINT C20-32-08 against Eileen Higgins is dismissed.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on this 14th day of October 2020.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS  
& PUBLIC TRUST

By:



Nelson C. Bellido  
Chairman

Signed on : 11/26/2020