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Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust Hearing in the Matter of Michael Grieco

The Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust held a hearing in the matter of In re: Michael Grieco, on December 21, 2020.

In Case **No. C 18-17-04**, the Commission found that that Mr. Grieco, a former Miami Beach City Commissioner, and current State Representative, violated the Home Rule Charter's Citizens' Bill of Rights relating to Truth in Government. The Commission will issue a Letter of Instruction and will consider the assessment of fees and costs at the next Commission meeting in January 2021.

Nelson C. Bellido, Chairperson of the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust, commented that the Commissioners:

"Carefully considered all of the evidence, including testimony from Mr. Grieco, and unanimously found clear and convincing evidence that he violated Counts I and II alleging violations of Section (A) 2. of the Charter's Citizens' Bill of Rights entitled 'Truth in Government' while dismissing County III relating to the City of Miami Beach Standards of Conduct regarding indirect solicitation of a vendor. This is a case of first impression, and we hope that the outcome serves to defer other public officials from engaging in similar conduct."

The original Complaint in this matter is attached to this release.

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 training, outreach and enforcement, the Commission seeks to empower the community and bolster public trust.