



In re:

C21-04-03

In re: Patricia Keon

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER

The Ethics Commission Advocate filed a complaint against Patricia Keon (Keon) a Commissioner in the City Coral Gables and a candidate for Coral Gables Mayor, for violating Section 2-11.1(g) of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance entitled “Exploitation of official position prohibited.”

Investigation showed that Keon carried on an e-mail conversation with a constituent, on or about February 3, 2021 related to their shared profession of nursing. That e-mail exchange took place on Keon’s campaign e-mail. Keon explained that as the nursing conversation continued, Keon switched from her campaign e-mail to her City e-mail. The following morning, Keon e-mailed the constituent asking whether her campaign could place a yard sign in her yard. Keon’s request was sent from her City e-mail. Keon explained that the request to place the yard sign was inadvertently sent from the City e-mail because she was responding from her I-Phone which has multiple accounts.

Keon stipulated to a finding of Probable Cause and the Ethics Commission agreed with the Advocate that the complaint should be dismissed pursuant to Section 2-1074(s) of the Code of Miami-Dade County since it appeared the violation was inadvertent and insubstantial and that a Letter of Instruction should be issued.

On April 14, 2021, the Ethics Commission accepted the Stipulation to Probable Cause and ratified the Settlement Agreement proposed by the Advocate.

Wherefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondent, Patricia Keon be issued a Letter of Instruction and that complaint C21-04-03 is dismissed.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on this 14th day of April, 2021.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS
& PUBLIC TRUST

By:



Nelson C. Bellido

Chairman

Signed on : 4/22/2021