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**Commission on Ethics &  
Public Trust  
Miami-Dade County**

# Memorandum

To: File

From: Michael Murawski, Advocate  
Breno Penichet, Investigator

Date: July 27, 2007

Re: 55 & UP inc.; K07-094

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This Investigation was predicated by a Letter received on July 20, 2007, from Capt. Nelson Andreu, notifying the Commission on Ethics that an anonymous source was advising that current City Of West Miami Commissioner Jesus Santana was using his influence as a commissioner to get free meals for his family members.

According to the letter Mr. Santana called a volunteer organization 55 & UP inc. 701 NW 27 Ave Miami, Fl. (305) 642-5520. He identifies himself as a commissioner and gets free meals delivered to his family.

COE Investigator Penichet contacted Mr. Mario Hernandez Director of the program, after advising him of the allegations he stated that no one from the City of West Miami has contacted his agency to request assistance for any elderly person. Mr. Hernandez advised that his agency helps all persons in need as long as they meet their criteria. Mr. Hernandez advised that if the relative of a commissioner met the criteria he would authorize the help. Mr. Hernandez advised that his agency does have a contract with West Miami to deliver food to the persons who qualify but he has not received any request from any commissioners particularly from Mr. Santana.

Capt. Andreu was advised.

No other action required.

Case closed.