OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT ADVOCATE

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

K#:08-073

Date Opened: July 18 2008 Date Closed: October 28, 2008

Name of investigator: Kennedy Rosario

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**Allegation:** 

Information, along with accompanying documents, was provided to the COE alleging that Lourdes R. Aguirre, a candidate for Miami-Dade County District 13 Commissioner, failed to properly fill out Form 6 Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests. Form 6 is a State of Florida document that must be filed, in the case of a candidate for County Commissioner, "with the officer before whom they qualify" to wit the Miami-Dade County Elections Department (MDED). A formal complaint was not filed by the individual providing the information.

Investigation:

The received documents (copies of) include:

Miami-Dade Property Appraiser information on the Aguirre residence located at 14341 Glen Cairn Rd.

Lourdes Aguirre 2007 Form 6 received by MDED on June 16, 2008

Clerk of the Court Hospital Claim of Lien recorded May 16, 2005 filed by the Public

Health Trust of Miami-Dade County against a Camilo Aguirre (as patient).

Florida Department of State Division of Corporations listing Lourdes Aguirre as

President of Jemica Realty, Inc. as an active corporation @ 03/19/07.

Florida Department of State Division of Corporations listing Lourdes Aguirre as

Comptroller of Miami Bethany Community Services, Inc, A Non Profit Corporation.

Florida Department of State Division of Corporations listing Lourdes Rosa Aguirre as owner of Eres Miami, a fictitious name.

Florida Department of State Division of Corporation listing Lourdes Aguirre as Vice President & Secretary of The Immo Group, Inc. as an active corporation @ 04/02/01/27/03.

The above noted documents were reviewed and independently corroborated.

Further investigation revealed other **possible** Florida property owned by Aguirre and / or her spouse Camilo.

Also reviewed were Aguirre campaign documents filed with MDED.

On October 3, 2008, Aguirre was interviewed by COE Investigator Kennedy Rosario. Aguirre was shown the information on the other Florida property and stated that said property did not belong to her or her spouse.

A discussion as to the contents of the filed Form 6 then ensued, pointing out that Part B Assets should clearly define her residence.

A list of Florida corporations that bore her and or her spouse's name as officer was also discussed, specifically the Immo Group and the non profit.

Aguirre agreed to amend Form 6 by filing Form X with the MDED as quickly as possible. In addition Aguirre was instructed to, in writing, explain the inaccurate Form 6 as well as touch on those items discussed during the interview.

On October 24, 2008 Aguirre filed Form X with the MDED.

On October 28, 2008 the COE received both Form X and the letter of explanation that follows:

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## To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed, please find the amendment to full and public disclosure of financial interests.

Part B- Residence value may be approximately \$650,000.00 (+-) Part C- Mtg. Loan is Private as explained in Liability- \$320,000

## Further Explanation:

Due to the fact that I registered the very last day possible, I
never took the documents home to review and return;
nonetheless, I received assistance from the Election
Department Notary, Ms. Maria C. Acosta, who so kindly
reviewed and helped me along the process.

As a result of my first time registering, completing and returning documents without careful review at home, gave room to over look the obvious, detail description of asset for Part B- (Description of Asset) matching the disclosed Mtg,. Loan for home (residence) (Part C) Creditor, although public assessment is available, I wrote (+-) where exact figures were required for protection of any oversights; however, no indication of intentional omission of information is displayed in my Disclosure of Financial Interest. Rather, assessing

- figures in a rush to meet dead lines is the obvious mistake, if any unintentionally.
- The Warranty Deed with a Richard Aguirre a married man and Camilo Aguirre, a single man, has no relevance or relationship to my husband, who is a married man named Mr. Camillo B. Aguirre Jr. and I have no idea who they are.
- Of the Registered Corporations with My name as officer, The Immo Group, Inc., is the only agent which is a source of income to me, as disclosed in the financial disclosure statement. Any other is either 501-c3, which I chair, or companies what are either inactive or dormant.
- Of the Camilo B. Jr. Corporations registered, the only Corporation which I am an officer in is The Immo Group Inc., as disclosed in the Financial Disclosure Report. The other Corporations are either dormant or I am only involved as a result of being his wife; example: The Blue Rose Orlando, L.P.

For any further questions or answers which I have overlooked in answering, please feel free to contact me at either 786-413-6077 or 786-999-4173.

Respectfully,

Lourdes R. Aguirre

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## **CONCLUSION:**

Aguirre was forthright and cooperative with this inquiry.

Findings referred back to individual who originally brought the information forward, along with a COE complaint form.

The individual may file a formal complaint if they so choose.