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

# Memorandum

To: Michael Murawski, Advocate  
Office of the Independent advocate  
Miami-Dade County Commission on  
Ethics and Public Trust

November 29, 2012

Cc: Miriam Ramos, Deputy General Counsel  
Miami-Dade County Commission on  
Ethics and Public Trust

From: Kennedy Rosario, Investigator OIA

Re: K12-151 Close-Out Memo

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Rolando Marante voluntarily resigned as County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa's Chief of Staff on September 22, 2011.

In December 2011, anonymous persons observed Marante at a BCC meeting allegedly texting with Commissioner Sosa while she sat at the dais.

Marante is prohibited from lobbying the County for two years after his resignation.

Marante was interviewed by the COE and denied any such activity.

The COE attempted to locate the alleged text message between Sosa and Marante. The COE was unable, utilizing the County ITD, to have access to any text messages and in certain instances billing records for Commissioners and their respective staff.

It is to be noted that Marante voluntarily called the COE to advise when he may be in contact with Commissioner Sosa.

It is therefore suggested that this investigation be closed as not sustained.