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Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

Memo

To: File

From: Karl Ross, ethics investigator

Date: Feb. 17, 2011

Re: **K11-008 Alex Vega et al.**

Close-out: The above-captioned inquiry was opened following published reports that Hialeah Director of Management and Budget Alex Vega was a business partner of Hialeah Mayor Julio Robaina and that Robaina may have acted inappropriately on behalf of Vega by creating a position for Vega's girlfriend/ wife. A preliminary review of the matter was conducted, and COE examined incorporation papers, court filings, real estate records and examined the personnel files of the individuals in question – Vega and his wife -- formerly Ana Maria Gomez, now Ana Maria Vega. It was confirmed that Vega was his wife's supervisor from the time she was hired by the city in 2005 until the time her new position was created in June 2010. It was also learned that Hialeah OMB Director Vega is not the same Alex Vega involved with MAJO V LLC, a private corporation involving Mayor Robaina and other business partners. In consideration of the above findings and after consultation with the Office of the Independent Advocate it was determined the case should be closed.