

Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics & Public Trust

Report of Investigation

Investigator: Sylvia Batista

Case No.: PI 14-017	Case Name:	Date Opened:	
Complainant(s): Lucy Tamajon,	Subject(s): City of Doral	04/03/14	

Allegation(s):

On or about 04/03/14 the COE received an e-mail from Lucy Tamajon (Tamajon). Tamajon informed that she is a former administrative assistant in the Public Affairs Division of the City of Doral (the City). Tamajon said that she was terminated by City Manager Joe Carrollo under the pretext that her position was eliminated when in fact she was terminated due to political motives.

Tamajon said that soon after being employed by the City on February of 2013, she was told by her supervisor, Christina Baguer (Baguer), of the “war” between Councilwoman Sandra Ruiz (Ruiz) and Councilwoman Bettina Rodriguez Aguilar (Rodriguez Aguilar). Tamajon said that she soon noticed unfair treatment of Ruiz by Baguer, while observing that she treated Rodriguez Aguilar fairly and amicably.

Tamajon said that she stayed clear of the conflict between the women, but soon after she prepared a flyer for Ruiz, and questioned the wisdom of having the City Manager sign an invoice above the limit allowed by the City Charter, her duties were curtailed and she was later terminated.

Tamajon also alleged that a co-worker named Abel Ibarra (Ibarra) was overheard making phone calls on behalf of Rodriguez Aguilera involving her campaign during working hours. Ibarra was also terminated, but continues to work on Rodriguez Aguilera’s campaign.

Relevant Law:

Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance, Sec. 2-11.1(g) *exploitation of official position prohibited.*

“No person included in the terms defined in Subsections (b)((1) through (6) and (b)(13) shall use or attempt to use his or her official position to secure special privileges or exemptions for himself or herself or others...”

Investigation:

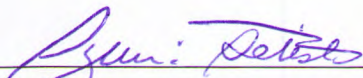
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Tamajon was advised that the COE could not help her with her employment issues with the City, however, a few questions remain after reading her e-mail. Tamajon was asked about her co-worker, Ibarra, who was heard making telephone calls in connection with Rodriguez Aguilera’s campaign. Tamajon stated that she has little else to add to that allegation, and has no first-hand knowledge of when and how many times Ibarra made the telephone calls during working hours. Tamajon said that Ibarra was terminated at the same time that she was, ostensibly due to the department restructuring which resulted in their positions being eliminated.

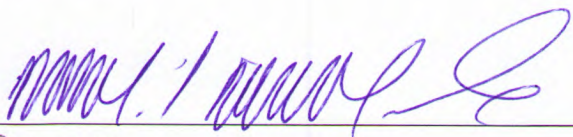
Conclusion(s):

After discussion with the COE Advocate it was determined that no further action would be taken in this matter. Tamajon’s personnel issues are outside the jurisdiction of the COE and she has little evidence to offer regarding Ibarra who has also been terminated from the City.

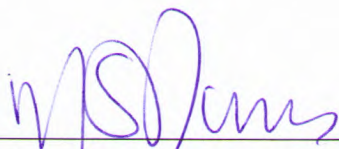


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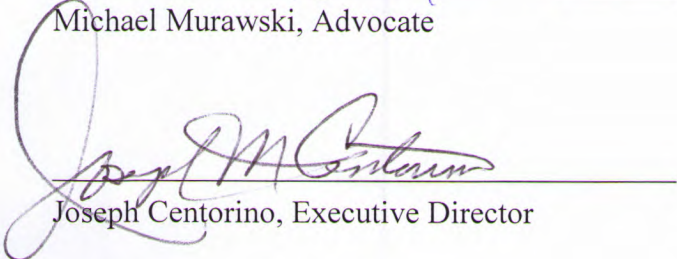
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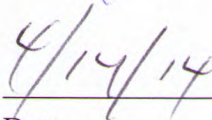
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