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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

In re: Amy Gonzalez-Hernandez

Case No: 06-~~20~~ 31

PUBLIC REPORT AND ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT

The Inspector General filed this complaint against Amy Gonzalez-Hernandez ("Respondent") for violation of Section 2-11.1(g) (misuse of official position) for using her position in the Mayor's office to secure appointments for the principals of Sermar, Inc. L.L.C.

The Respondent's father is one of the owners of Sermar, U.S.A., L.L.C. ("Sermar"). In January, 2005, Sermar submitted an unsolicited proposal to Seaport officials for a bulk cement operation. Prior to a committee meeting on the proposal, the Respondent called Commissioner Javier Souto's office and requested an appointment for her father to discuss the lease agreement. Subsequently, the Respondent's father and his business partner attempted to meet with Assistant County Manager Carlos Bonzon. The Respondent personally accompanied them to Bonzon's office. After

initially stating that Bonzon was unavailable, Bonzon's scheduled an appointment after the Respondent accompanied them to the office.

On September 27, 2006, the Ethics Commission found the complaint legally sufficient. Thereafter, on October 30, 2006, the Ethics Commission held a probable cause hearing. After reviewing the complaint, hearing the argument of the Advocate and Respondent's counsel and being otherwise advised in the premises, the Ethics Commission found no probable cause.


Therefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT the Complaint is
DISMISSED.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust in public session on October 30, 2006.

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION
ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST**

By:


Kerry Rosenthal
Chairperson

cc: Christopher Mazzella, Inspector General
Benedict Kuehne, Attorney for Respondent