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

In re: FRANK PINTADO, CHARLES SAFDIE, and RANDALL HILLIARD

C 08-04

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL DISMISSAL ORDER

COMPLAINANT Jo Asmundsson, a citizen of the City of Miami Beach, filed the above-captioned COMPLAINT against RESPONDENTS Frank Pintado, Charles Safdie, and Randall Hilliard. Ms. Asmundsson alleged that the RESPONDENTS were responsible for an anonymous campaign flyer distributed prior to the November 6, 2007, election on Miami Beach.

Two of the above-referenced RESPONDENTS were paid political consultants of Miami Beach candidates and one provided in-kind work to several Miami Beach candidates. All candidates in the Miami Beach election signed the Voluntary Fair Campaign Practices Pledge, which requires them to repudiate supporters who violate Section 2-11.1.1 (D) of the Miami-Dade County Fair Campaign Practices Ordinance. The campaign literature in question violated subsections of this Ordinance dealing with falsifying facts, publishing anonymous literature, and making national origin, gender, and sexual orientation issues in the campaign.

Pursuant to the Code of Miami-Dade County, Section 2-1068 and Sections 2-11.1.1 (A) and (B), the Commission on Ethics & Public Trust has jurisdiction to enforce the Ethical Fair Campaign Practices Ordinances for candidates and their respective staffs in any municipal election within Miami-Dade County.

On March 26, 2008, the Commission on Ethics found the above-referenced COMPLAINT to be legally sufficient, and a preliminary investigation into the matter was undertaken.

On April 24, 2008, the Advocated reported to the Commission on Ethics that no evidence existed to link the RESPONDENTS to production or distribution of the anonymous campaign literature. Consequently, the Ethics Commission dismissed the COMPLAINT against Frank Pintado, Charles Safdie, and Randall Hilliard.

Therefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT COMPLAINT C 08-04 against Frank Pintado, Charles Safdie, and Randall Hilliard is hereby **DISMISSED**.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on April 24, 2008.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON
ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

By:



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Chairman