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

In re: JOSEFINA SANCHEZ-PANDO

C 10-16

PUBLIC REPORT AND DISMISSAL ORDER

The Assistant Advocate for the Commission on Ethics filed the above-referenced COMPLAINT on March 23, 1010, against RESPONDENT Josefina Sanchez-Pando, purportedly a member of the City of Miami Commission on the Status of Women. The COMPLAINT alleged that Ms. Sanchez-Pando violated Sec. 2-11.1(i)(1) of the County Ethics Code when she failed to file financial disclosure forms for the years 2007 and 2008.

Pursuant to the Code of Miami-Dade County, Sec. 2-1068, the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission extends "to any person required to comply with the ... County or municipal Code of Ethics Ordinances." The County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (i)(1), *Financial disclosure*, states that municipal advisory board members must file by July 1st of each year "an itemized source of income statement, under oath and on a form approved by the County for said purpose."

In March 2010, the Ethics Commission staff found the COMPLAINT to be LEGALLY SUFFICIENT based on documentation presented by the City Clerk for the City of Miami. In the same month, the Ethics Commission found PROBABLE CAUSE existed to charge RESPONDENT with failure to file financial disclosure for 2007 and 2008. Subsequently, the Ethics Commission staff made numerous attempts to contact RESPONDENT to advise her of the COMPLAINT against her and of the financial disclosure requirement associated with board

service. On April 30, 2010, when RESPONDENT was eventually contacted, she stated that she has been requesting to be removed from the Commission on the Status of Women for the past several years. The Ethics Commission staff confirmed that Ms. Sanchez-Pando has not attend meetings since at least 2007.

On May 19, 2010, the Ethics Commission granted the Assistant Advocate's MOTION TO VOLUNTARILY DISMISS the COMPLAINT. Sec. 2-1074 (s) of the County Code states that the Ethics Commission may, at its discretion, "... dismiss any complaint at any stage of disposition should it determine that the public interest would not be served by proceeding further...." The City of Miami has been erroneously reporting RESPONDENT as a member of the Commission on the Status of Women for several years.

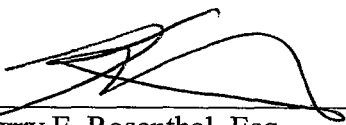
Therefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT the COMPLAINT against RESPONDENT Jospifina Sanchez-Pando is hereby DISMISSED.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on May 19, 2010.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS
& PUBLIC TRUST

By:



Kerry E. Rosenthal, Esq.
Chairman

Signed on this date: May 26, 2010