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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

In re: Peter A. Gonzalez/

Case No: 10-27

**PUBLIC REPORT AND ORDER ACCEPTING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

The Advocate filed the above-captioned complaint against Peter A. Gonzalez ("Respondent") for alleged violation of Section 2-11.1(s) for failing to timely file a lobbyist expenditure report. The Respondent was a registered lobbyist for Maefield Holdings, L.L.C.

In July, 2007, the Respondent registered as a lobbyist for Maefield Holdings, L.L.C. Pursuant to Section 2-11.1(s), the Respondent was required to file a lobbyist expenditure report on or before July 1, 2008. After receiving a "Notice of Violation" from the Clerk of the Board on July 11, 2008, the Respondent failed to file a report. Earlier this year, the Ethics Commission sent the respondent a "Final Notice" to file the required report. On July 19, 2010 after the above-captioned complaint was filed, the Respondent filed his required lobbyist expenditure report.

On September 15, 2010, the Advocate presented a proposed settlement agreement where the Respondent agreed to pay investigative costs in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars and the Ethics Commission granted a waiver of the fines accrued since July 1, 2008.

After reviewing the pleadings, hearing the argument of the Advocate and being otherwise advised in the premises, the Ethics Commission approved the proposed settlement agreement and ordered the complaint dismissed.

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 September 15, 2010.

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

By: 

Kerry Rosenthal  
Chairperson

cc: Peter A. Gonzalez, Respondent

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

IN RE:

CASE NO. C10-027

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**SETTLEMENT ORDER**

Pursuant to section 5.13 of the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust Rules of Procedure, Petitioner and Respondent do hereby enter into this settlement in full satisfaction of the above captioned matter based upon the following terms and conditions:

1. Respondent, PETER A. GONZALEZ, believes it to be in his best interest to resolve Complaint C10-026 (the "Complaint"). Respondent was personally unaware that he was allegedly in technical violation of any rule and/or requirement relating to the filing of a Lobbyist Expenditure Statement. Upon learning of the alleged violation, and in an effort to resolve the matter, Respondent filed his 2007 Lobbyist Expenditure Statement on July 19, 2010. Such filing effectively, albeit belatedly, brought Respondent into compliance with his responsibility as a registered lobbyist.

2. Pursuant to this agreement, Respondent agrees to pay administrative / investigative costs of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), as prescribed in Section 2-11.1(bb)(1) of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance (the Code), to the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust.

3. In exchange for the payment of costs of \$250.00, the Commission on Ethics will dismiss, with prejudice, the pending Complaint and waive the \$37,400.00 late fine<sup>1</sup> pending against Respondent for filing his expenditure statement more than two (2) years after the July 1, 2008 deadline.

4. Respondent understands and agrees that failure by Respondent to pay all monies due, as outline in paragraphs 2 above, may result in garnishment or other appropriate process or proceedings to enforce the recovery of the judgment as governed by the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure.

5. Failure by the Respondent to fulfill and abide by his obligation under the agreed Settlement Order may result in contempt proceedings against the Respondent.

6. This agreement, consisting of three (3) pages, embodies the entire agreement of the parties concerning the subject matter herein. There are no promises, terms, conditions or obligations other than those contained herein. This agreement supersedes any and all previous claims, communications, representations, and agreement either verbal or written by and between the parties hereto.

7. By signing this agreement, Respondent acknowledges that he is doing so freely, voluntarily and without duress; that he is competent to enter this agreement; and that he has fully and completely read and understands the terms and conditions of the agreement.

8. Petitioner and Respondent agree that settlement of this action in the manner described above is just and in the best interest of the Respondent and the citizens of Miami-Dade County. Petitioner and Respondent further agree that Respondent's agreement to make the payment of the administrative/investigative costs of \$250.00 pursuant to the terms of this

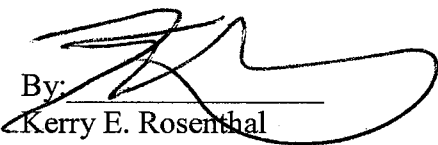
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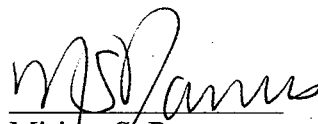
<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Section 2-11.1(s)(6)(b), "...a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day shall be assessed for reports filed after the due date."

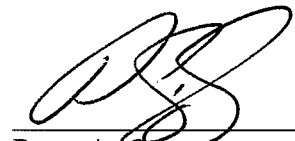
agreement does not constitute any admission of wrongdoing by Respondent, and that Respondent has agreed to make the payment to buy peace and to fully and finally resolve any and all issues, claims, liability, damages, fines, losses and judgments in connection with the subject matter of the Complaint.

9. Should the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust reject this agreement, evidence of this offer of compromise and settlement is inadmissible to prove any of the allegations alleged.

Done and Ordered in Miami-Dade County, Florida this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2010.

By:   
Kerry E. Rosenthal  
Chairperson

  
Miriam S. Ramos  
Asst. Advocate

  
Peter A. Gonzalez  
Respondent