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

**In re: CORINA ESQUIJAROSA**

**C 11-22**

**PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER**

The DEPUTY ADVOCATE for the Commission on Ethics filed the above-referenced COMPLAINT against RESPONDENT Corina Esquijarosa, Mayor of North Bay Village. The COMPLAINT alleged that RESPONDENT filed inaccurate financial disclosure forms in 2010 and 2011, as required by the Miami-Dade County Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (i).

Specifically, the first count alleged that at the time of qualifying for the office of Mayor on August 21, 2010, RESPONDENT failed to report complete and accurate information about her ownership of real property and related liabilities and sources of income. The second count alleged similar inaccuracies on an amended filing made by RESPONDENT on April 1, 2011.

Pursuant to the County Code at Secs. 2-1068 and 2-11.1(a), the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission extends to municipal officers and candidates for municipal office. The County Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (i) compels candidates for municipal office and municipal elected officials to disclose financial interests at the time they qualify for office and, if elected, annually thereafter.

On September 20, 2011, in public session, the DEPUTY ADVOCATE reported that RESPONDENT stipulated to probable cause in the second count. In a settlement agreement reached with the Ethics Commission, RESPONDENT admitted guilt to the allegations in the second count and consented to pay a fine of \$500 and accept a Letter of Instruction. As part of the negotiated settlement, the Ethics Commission dismissed the first count of the complaint.

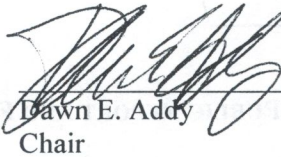
Therefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT COMPLAINT C 11-22 is hereby SETTLED.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on September 20, 2011.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS  
& PUBLIC TRUST

By:

  
Dawn E. Addy  
Chair

Signed on this date: 11/03/11





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

In re: Corina Esquijarosa

Case No. C11-022

**LETTER OF INSTRUCTION**

On or about July 7, 2011, the Ethics Commission filed the above-captioned complaint against Corina Esquijarosa for violating Section 2-11.1(i)(1) and (2) (Financial disclosure) of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance. Specifically, the complaint alleged that Respondent, Mayor of the City of North Bay Village (NBV), filed an incomplete and inaccurate Statement of Financial Interest (Form 1). On or about September 20, 2011, Respondent stipulated to probable cause and entered into a settlement agreement in which she agreed to pay a fine of \$500 and accept a Letter of Instruction from the Commission on Ethics (COE).

WHEREFORE, the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust hereby issues this Letter of Instruction.

In August 2010, Respondent filed a Form 1 along with her qualifying papers, in order to run for the office of Mayor in NBV. Respondent's Form 1 was inaccurate and incomplete, as she failed to fully report information concerning real property owned by her, as well as information regarding her sources of income. In November 2010, Respondent won the election. After being advised by the COE of the inaccuracies in her Form 1, Respondent filed an Amendment to Form 1 (Form 1X) in April 2011. Respondent's Form 1X was also inaccurate and incomplete.

Respondent owned apartment unit 102, located at 1021 NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Miami, Florida. During the reporting period in question, Respondent held a mortgage for that unit and rented that unit out. Thus, Respondent was required to disclose all of the above-described in her Form 1 as follows:

- Under Part C "Real Property" - Respondent was required to list Unit 102 (as she did in her Form IX).
- Under either Part A "Primary Sources of Income" or Part B "Secondary Sources of Income" - Respondent was required to list the rental income she received from Unit 102.
- Under Part E "Liabilities" - Respondent was required to list the mortgage held on Unit 102.

Respondent is reminded that filing an accurate Form 1 is her duty and responsibility as a candidate for elected office or elected official. She is instructed to carefully read the instructions provided with the form and to ask for assistance should she need clarification on how to properly fill out the form.

The citizens of NBV have the right to be fully informed of the financial interests of a candidate for elected office or of an elected official in their city and as such, great care must be taken to provide the public with true, accurate and complete information regarding the same.

Issued this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 2011.