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

In re: BROWN-BEAMON v. PULIDO

C 12-06

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER

Robin Brown-Beamon, a private citizen, filed the above-referenced complaint against Respondent Richard Pulido, a town Councilman in Miami Lakes.

The complainant alleged that she had overheard that Councilman Pulido demanded and received trees in front of his home ahead of other town residents and that he pressured town staff to provide free use of a sports field for a nonprofit sports organization. If true, these incidents might be evidence of exploitation of official position, which is prohibited by the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1(g).

Pursuant to the Miami-Dade County Code at 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(a) extends the jurisdiction of the County Ethics Ordinance to municipal elected officials.

On March 27, 2012, the Advocate for the Ethics Commission appeared in public session to deliver his recommendation on the matter. Based on the findings

of an investigation, no probable cause was found to suggest that violations of the County Ethics Code had occurred. Trees were not received by the Councilman in advance of others, and no special benefit was given to the nonprofit sports organization named in the complaint in the use of a town sports field.

On March 27, 2012, the Ethics Commission dismissed complaint C 12-06 for lack of probable cause.

Therefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT the complaint against Richard Pulido is hereby dismissed for lack of probable cause.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on March 27, 2012.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS
& PUBLIC TRUST

By:


Dawn E. Addy
Chair

Signed on this date: 4/25/2012