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Complaint over stolen flyers gets grounded

A hearing examiner found No Probable Cause that a North Bay Village mayoral candidate knowingly removed material promoting a gathering for another candidate. The complaint (**C 18-45-10**) that was filed by Rachel Streitfeld against Village Commissioner and candidate for mayor Laura Cattabriga was heard during an expedited hearing at the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust (COE) today. Streitfeld alleged there was a violation of the Mandatory Fair Campaign Practices Ordinance when North Bay Village Vice Mayor Andreana Jackson, while canvassing with Cattabriga in the lobby of Streitfeld's condominium building, took all of the handouts promoting a meet-and-greet for mayoral candidate Brent Latham.

Former Miami-Dade Circuit Court Judge Rosa Rodriguez determined there was no evidence that Commissioner Cattabriga had knowledge that Ms. Jackson took the flyers, and she dismissed the complaint.

The Ethics Commission was created in 1996 as an independent agency with advisory and quasi-judicial powers. It is composed of five members, serving staggered terms of four years each. Through a program of education, outreach and enforcement, the Commission seeks to empower the community and bolster public trust.

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