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March 11, 2020

The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor, State of Florida
The Capitol, 400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Re: Complaint No. 17-159, In re ANTHONY SANDERS

Dear Governor DeSantis:

The Florida Commission on Ethics has completed a full and final investigation of a complaint involving Mr. Anthony Sanders, a former member of the City Commission of the City of Hallandale Beach and a former member of the City's Community Redevelopment (CRA) Board. Pursuant to Section 112.324(8), Florida Statutes, we are reporting our findings and recommending appropriate disciplinary action to you in this case. Enclosed are copies of our final order and of our file in this matter. As we have found pursuant to a stipulation that Mr. Sanders violated the Code of Ethics in the manner described by our order, we recommend that you publicly censure and reprimand him and impose a civil penalty upon him in the amount of \$3,500 (three thousand five hundred dollars), penalties which he has agreed to be subjected to and to pay. If we may be of any assistance to you in your deliberations, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would appreciate your informing us of the manner in which you dispose of this matter. For information regarding collection of the civil penalty, please contact the Office of the Attorney General, Ms. Melody A. Hadley, Assistant Attorney General.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Christopher Anderson, III".

C. Christopher Anderson, III
Executive Director

CCA/dw

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Mark Herron, Attorney for Respondent
Ms. Melody A. Hadley, Commission Advocate
Ms. Carol "Jodie" Breece, Complainant

BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re ANTHONY SANDERS,)	
)	Complaint No. 17-159
)	
Respondent.)	
)	
_____)	Final Order No. 20-008

FINAL ORDER AND PUBLIC REPORT

The State of Florida Commission on Ethics, meeting in public session on March 6, 2020, adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Advocate for the Commission and the Respondent in this matter.

In accordance with the Stipulation, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, the Commission finds that the Respondent, as a member of the City Commission of the City of Hallandale Beach and a member of the City's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board, violated Section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes, by having employment that could create a recurring conflict and/or impede the full and faithful discharge of his public duties as a City Commissioner, violated Section 112.313(4), Florida Statutes, by accepting some compensation, payment, or thing of value (i.e., \$2,000 Pastor's Appreciation gift) that he knew or should have known was given to influence him in his official capacity, and violated Section 112.3148(4), Florida Statutes, by accepting a gift (i.e., \$2,000 Pastor's Appreciation gift) that he knew exceeded a \$100 value from a prohibited donor (Allegations I, IV, and VI).¹

¹ Pursuant to the Stipulation, the Commission dismisses Allegations II, III, V, VII, and VIII.

For the violations, in accordance with the Stipulation, the Commission hereby recommends that the Governor publicly censure and reprimand the Respondent and impose a civil penalty upon him in the total amount of \$3,500 (three thousand five hundred dollars), penalties which the Respondent has agreed to be subjected to and to pay.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on March 6, 2020.

March 11, 2020
Date Rendered

Kimberly B. Rezanka
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Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics

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