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**COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

BEFORE THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re JOSE URTECHO,                    )  
  )  
      Respondent.                        )  
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Complaint No. 23-001

ORDER FINDING PROBABLE CAUSE

Based on the preliminary investigation of this complaint and on the recommendation of the Commission's Advocate, the Commission on Ethics finds that there is probable cause to believe the Respondent, as the former Public Works Utilities Manager for the City of Dania Beach, Florida, violated the following statutes: Section 112.313(2), Florida Statutes, by soliciting and/or accepting a gift(s) (or something of value) based upon an understanding that Respondent's vote, official action, or judgment would be influenced; Section 112.313(4), Florida Statutes, by accepting a thing of value given to influence a vote or other action in which Respondent was expected to participate in an official capacity; Section 112.313(6), Florida Statutes, by using his position for the special privilege, benefit, or exemption for a person and/or entity that gave him and/or his girlfriend a gift(s); Section 112.3148(3), Florida Statutes, by soliciting a gift(s) from a vendor(s) of the City of Dania Beach; and Section 112.3148(4), Florida Statutes, by accepting a gift(s) that was valued in excess of \$100 from a vendor(s) of the City of Dania Beach.

Therefore, the Commission on Ethics orders a public hearing as to whether the Respondent violated Sections 112.313(2), 112.313(4), 112.313(6), 112.3148(3), and 112.3148(4), Florida Statutes, as set forth above. A formal notice of hearing of the matter on which probable cause has been found will be prepared and sent to the Respondent and to the Advocate. Under Commission Rule 34-5.020, F.A.C., the Commission may resolve a complaint proceeding through a stipulation,

settlement, or consent order entered into by the Respondent and the Commission's Advocate and approved by the Commission. If the Respondent wishes to pursue a settlement of this case, he should contact the Commission's Advocate at (850) 414-3300 to discuss the terms of a possible settlement.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in executive session on Friday, July 28, 2023.

August 2, 2023  
Date



Glenton "Glen" Gilzean, Jr.  
*Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics*

cc: Mr. Jose Urtecho, Respondent  
Ms. Melody A. Hadley, Commission Advocate  
Special Agent Amy Schmidt, Complainant

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