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Former City of Hallandale Beach Commissioner Anthony Sanders Admits Liability for Broward Ethics Violations

Former City of Hallandale Beach Commissioner Anthony Sanders and the Inspector General have settled the pending Broward County ethics complaint in *John Scott v. Anthony Sanders*. In the agreement, Mr. Sanders admitted to failing to file four Broward County Elected Official Code of Ethics Outside/Concurrent Employment Disclosure forms (OCE's), which required the public disclosure of his employment with and compensation from Higher Vision Ministries.

Mr. Sanders agreed to pay a total fine of \$5,000 for four violations of §1-19(c)(2)b. of the Broward County Code.

The complaint stemmed from the OIG's investigation, [reported](#) on August 9, 2017, in which the OIG determined that Mr. Sanders violated Florida ethics laws, the Hallandale Beach city charter, and the Broward code of ethics for elected officials. Specifically, the Inspector General reported that, while he was a commissioner, Mr. Sanders repeatedly voted to benefit Palms Community Action Coalition (PCAC), a non-profit organization, by approximately \$898,320 during the same time period that PCAC paid his wife, his two sons, and Higher Vision Ministries, the church that employed Mr. Sanders and which he controlled, a total of about \$38,688 for various services. PCAC also paid Higher Vision Ministries a \$2,000 donation on the same day the commission voted to benefit the organization. Mr. Sanders voted on these matters without disclosing his conflicts to the city commission.

During the investigation, the OIG also observed that, although Higher Visions Ministries employed Mr. Sanders since before he became a city commissioner in 2008, he had not filed OCEs reporting that employment. Mr. Sanders did not file OCEs for 2012, 2013, 2015, and 2016 until the investigation was well under way and never did file a 2014 OCE.

The case docket can be accessed [here](#). The Broward Ethics Code, which applies to the elected officials of the county and its 31 municipalities, can be found at [Sec. 1-19](#) of the Broward County Code of Ordinances.