

Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics

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In Re: Rodney Roberts

C13-005

Public Report Finding No Probable Cause and Final Order of Dismissal

COMPLAINANT, J. Jerome Taylor, filed the above-referenced COMPLAINT on February 1, 2013, alleging a possible ethics violation involving RESPONDENT, Rodney Roberts, appointed member of the Riviera Beach Housing Authority.

The COMPLAINT alleges that on November 13, 2012, Respondent voted on RBHA Resolution #2012-12 to provide a five hundred (\$500) dollar loan to the Comprehensive AIDS Program of Palm Beach County (CAP), Respondent's outside employer, in violation of Section 2-443(a) Misuse of public office or employment and (c) Disclosure of voting conflicts of the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics (the Code).

Pursuant to Chapter 2, Article V, Division 8, §2-258(a)¹ of the Palm Beach County Code, the Commission on Ethics is empowered to enforce the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics.

The Memorandum of Probable Cause and Memoranda of Inquiry and Investigation, adopted by reference were presented to the Commission on Ethics on April 4, 2013. At that time, the Commission conducted a hearing. The Commission reviewed and considered the Memoranda of Inquiry, Investigation and No Probable Cause, recommendation of staff, as well as an oral statement of the

¹ Article V, Division 8, section 2-258. Powers and duties. (a) The commission on ethics shall be authorized to exercise such powers and shall be required to perform such duties as are hereinafter provided. The commission on ethics shall be empowered to review, interpret, render advisory opinions and enforce the;

- (1) County Code of Ethics;
- (2) County Post-Employment Ordinance, and
- (3) County Lobbyist Registration Ordinance.

ADVOCATE. At the conclusion of the hearing the Commission on Ethics found NO PROBABLE CAUSE exists and the COMPLAINT was DISMISSED.

Complainants must keep in mind that §2-260.4 of the Commission on Ethics ordinance authorizes the COE to award costs and fees incurred by the COE or the Respondent if the COE determines that the complaining party filed a frivolous or groundless complaint, or a complaint with malicious intent and with the knowledge that the complaint contains one or more false allegations, or with reckless disregard for whether the complaint contains material false allegations.²

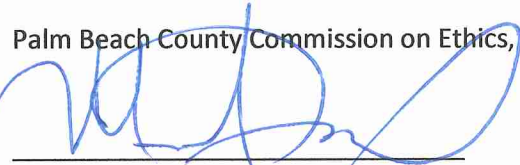
Therefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT the **COMPLAINT** against **RESPONDENT**, Rodney Roberts, is hereby **DISMISSED**.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics in public session on April 4, 2013.

Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics,

By:



Manuel Farach, Chairman

² Fla. Stat. §57.105