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In Re: Elliot Cohen

C15-021

Public Report Finding No Probable Cause and Order of Dismissal

Complainant, J. Mark Dougan, filed the above referenced complaint on September 23, 2015, alleging that Respondent, Elliot Cohen, City of West Palm Beach Communications Director, violated §2-443(d) of the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics by entering into a prohibited contractual relationship with a vendor of the City of West Palm Beach.

Pursuant to §2-258(a)¹ of the Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics Ordinance, the COE is empowered to enforce the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics. On April 7, 2016, the Commission conducted a hearing and reviewed the Memorandum of Inquiry, Report of Investigation, and Probable Cause Determination. After oral statements by the Advocate and Respondent, the Commission concluded no probable cause exists to believe any violation occurred.

Therefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the complaint against Respondent, Elliot Cohen, is hereby **DISMISSED**.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics in public session on April 7, 2016.

By: _____

Michael S. Kridel, Chair

¹ 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;