

**BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

In re: Michael Haridopolos,

Respondent.

Complaint No. 09-169

JOINT STIPULATION OF FACT, LAW, AND RECOMMENDED ORDER

Respondent, Michael Haridopolos and the Advocate for the Florida Commission on Ethics enter into this Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order with respect to the above-styled Complaint. Subject to acceptance by the Commission on Ethics, the parties agree that they enter into this stipulated settlement in lieu of further hearings in this cause. The parties stipulate as follows:

STIPULATED FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times material to this Complaint, Respondent served as a member of the Florida Senate, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, Florida Statutes.
2. On December 14, 2009, a sworn Complaint was filed with the Commission on Ethics alleging that Respondent had violated the Code of Ethics.
3. Pursuant to Section 112.322, Florida Statutes, the Executive Director of the Commission on Ethics found that the Complaint was legally sufficient and ordered a preliminary investigation of the Complaint for a probable cause determination of whether Respondent had violated the Code of Ethics. The Report of Investigation was released on September 17, 2010.
4. On October 22, 2010 the Commission on Ethics found probable cause to believe Respondent had violated Section Article II section 8(a) and (i) of the Florida Constitution. The allegations are:

- a. Respondent violated Article II, Section 8(a) and (i) of the Florida Constitution, by failing to fully disclose his financial interests in 2004.
- b. Respondent violated Article II, Section 8(a) and (i) of the Florida Constitution, by failing to fully disclose his financial interests in 2005.
- c. Respondent violated Article II, Section 8(a) and (i) of the Florida Constitution, by failing to fully disclose his financial interests in 2006.
- d. Respondent violated Article II, Section 8(a) and (i) of the Florida Constitution, by failing to fully disclose his financial interests in 2007.
- e. Respondent violated Article II, Section 8(a) and (i) of the Florida Constitution, by failing to fully disclose his financial interests in 2008.

5. On March 24, 2010 and September 14, 2010 Respondent filed two “Forms 6X, Amendment to Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests” which corrected the errors and omissions to the above financial disclosures for the years 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008.

6. Respondent admits the facts as set forth in the Report of Investigation, which is specifically incorporated by reference in this Joint Stipulation.

STIPULATED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

7. Respondent is subject to the provisions of Part III, Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees.

8. The Commission on Ethics has jurisdiction over the Complaint as filed in this proceeding and over Respondent.

9. Respondent violated Article II, Section 8(a) and (i) of the Florida Constitution, by failing to fully disclose his financial interests in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008, by failing to fully disclose financial interests.

10. Respondent admits the allegation as set forth in paragraph four (4) of the Stipulated Findings of Fact, above.

STIPULATED RECOMMENDED ORDER

11. The Advocate accepts Respondent's stipulation in this proceeding.
12. The Advocate and Respondent have entered into this Joint Stipulation and urge the Commission on Ethics to approve it in lieu of further hearings before the Commission in this cause.
13. Therefore, the Advocate recommends that:

- (a) The Commission on Ethics approve this Joint Stipulation, embodying the stipulations, admissions, and recommendations of the parties; and

- (b) The Commission on Ethics enter a Final Order and Public Report consistent with this Stipulation.

FURTHER STIPULATIONS

14. Respondent and the Advocate stipulate and covenant that they have freely and voluntarily entered into this Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order with full knowledge and understanding of its contents. Respondent and the Advocate further stipulate and covenant that this Joint Stipulation constitutes the full agreement of the parties and that there are no oral or written understandings between the parties other than those contained in this Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order.


15. Respondent and the Advocate stipulate and covenant that, in consideration of the provisions of this Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order, Respondent and the Advocate accept and will comply with the above-referenced Final Order and Public Report of the Commission on Ethics.

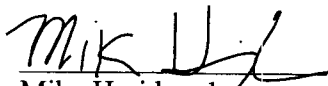
16. Respondent and the Advocate stipulate that this Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order is submitted to the Commission on Ethics for its consideration and

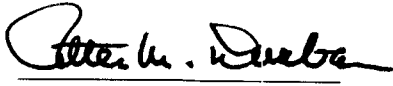
ratification. In the event that it is not approved by the Commission on Ethics as written, this document shall be of no purpose and effect and shall not be deemed an admission by Respondent.

17. Effective upon approval of this Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order by the Commission on Ethics, Respondent waives all time, notice, and hearing rights, requirements, and entitlements, as to all subsequent hearings in this proceeding.

Signed, dated and entered into this 28 day of Oct., 2010.


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