Declaration for Candidates
Not Automatically Covered by Ordinance 98-94

The Ethical Campaign Practices Ordinance may apply to any candidate, and his or her campaign staff, for **elective office** with a constituency in whole or in Miami-Dade County who agrees to abide by the mandatory and/or voluntary fair campaign practices.

I, Luis R. Garcia Jr, a candidate for the office of City Commissioner, agree to abide by the mandatory fair campaign practices as provided in Section 2-11.1.1.(D)(1), of the Code of Miami-Dade County and recognize as compulsory the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission. I further agree that the Ethics Commission will have the authority to decide whether said candidate has violated the mandatory campaign practices and, if a violation is found, the Ethics Commission has the authority to impose the appropriate penalty, if any.

By signing this declaration, I acknowledge that I will follow the mandatory campaign practices and shall not:

a) with actual malice make or cause to be made any untrue oral statement about another candidate or member of his or her family or staff which exposes said person to hatred, contempt, or ridicule, or causes said person to be shunned or avoided, or injured in his or her business or occupation; or
b) with actual malice publish or cause to be published by writing, printing, picture, effigy, sign or otherwise than by mere speech any untrue statement about another candidate or a member of his or her family or staff which exposes said person to be shunned or avoided, or injured in hi8s or her business or occupation; or
c) willfully injury, deface or damage or cause to be injured, defaced or damaged by any means any campaign poster, sign, leaflet, handbill, literature or any other campaign material of another candidate; or
d) knowingly obtain, or cause to be obtained campaign property of another candidate with the intent to, temporarily or permanently, deprive the candidate of a right to the property or a benefit therefrom; or
e) knowingly file with the Ethics Commission a groundless or frivolous complaint against another candidate.

In addition to abiding by the Mandatory Campaign Practices, I agree to follow the voluntary Statement of Fair Campaign Practices enumerated in Section 2-11.1 (D):

1. I shall not make my race, religion, national origin, gender, physical disability or sexual orientation an issue in my campaign.
2. I shall not make my opponents' race, religion, national origin, gender, physical disability or sexual orientation an issue in my campaign.
3. I will not condemn any appeal to prejudice based on race, creed, national origin, religion, gender, physical disability or sexual orientation.
4. I shall not without just cause attack or question my opponent's patriotism.
5. I shall not publish, display or circulate any anonymous campaign literature or political advertisement.
6. I shall not tolerate my supporters engaging in these activities which condemn nor shall I accept their continued support if they engage in such activities. I will not permit any member of my campaign organization to engage in these activities and will immediately and publicly repudiate the support of any other individual or group, which resorts to the methods and tactics I condemn.
7. I shall run a positive campaign emphasizing my qualifications for office and positions on issues of public concern.
8. I will limit my attacks on an opponent to legitimate challenges to that person's record, qualifications, and positions.
9. I will neither use nor permit the use of malicious untruths or innuendoes about an opponent's personal life, nor will I make or condone unfounded accusations discrediting that person's credibility.
10. I will take personal responsibility for approving or disavowing the substance of attacks on my opponent that may come from third parties supporting my candidacy.
11. I will not use or permit the use of campaign material that falsifies, distorts, or misrepresents facts.

I agree to be governed by the mandatory fair campaign practices and/or the voluntary fair campaign practices. (Please indicate whether you are consenting to follow both sets of campaign practices.)

- ☐ I agree to mandatory fair campaign practices.
- ☐ I agree to voluntary Statement of Fair Campaign Practices

Once the declaration is signed it is deemed irrevocable for the duration of the campaign.

Luis R. Garcia Jr.
Candidate's Signature

1-23-3
Date

File original with Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics
Copy with Miami-Dade Supervisor of Elections, Miami-Dade Clerk of the Board

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