

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2023E-10

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida, by constitutional amendment, have declared that a public office is a public trust and the people have a right to secure and sustain that trust against abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has been created to ensure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Alexis P. Rodriguez was at all times material a candidate for Florida State Senator, District 37, and as such was subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in the Final Order and Public Report No. 21-031 rendered on October 27, 2021, the Commission on Ethics adopted the Joint Stipulation of Fact, Law, and Recommended Order entered into between the Commission and Alexis P. Rodriguez and therein found that Alexis P. Rodriguez violated Article II, Section 8, Florida Constitution, and section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, by filing an inaccurate or incomplete 2019 CE Form 6, "Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests," and violated section 112.313(2), Florida Statutes, by accepting money from another based on the understanding that he would change his party affiliation, qualify to run in the 2020 Florida Senate race, and file a false CE Form 6, "Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests."

WHEREAS, the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 21-031 are accepted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, issue this Executive Order, effective immediately, declaring that:

1. Alexis P. Rodriguez violated Article II, Section 8, Florida Constitution, and section 112.3144, Florida Statutes, by filing an inaccurate or incomplete 2019 CE Form 6, "Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests," and violated section 112.313(2), Florida Statutes, by accepting money from another based on the understanding that he would change his party affiliation, qualify to run in the 2020 Florida Senate race, and file a false CE Form 6, "Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests."

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$20,000 for the violations of Article II, Section 8, Florida Constitution, and sections 112.3144 and 112.313(2), Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed on Alexis P. Rodriguez, which shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

3. Alexis P. Rodriguez is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.



Ron DeSantis

GOVERNOR

DATE: November 17, 2023

By:

Ryan D. Newman

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On behalf of and by the authority of Governor Ron DeSantis

ATTEST:

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