

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 21-240 (Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 7(c) of the Florida Constitution provides in relevant part that “[b]y order of the Governor any elected municipal officer indicted for crime may be suspended from office until acquitted”; and

WHEREAS, section 112.51(2), Florida Statutes, provides in relevant part that the Governor has the power to suspend any elected or appointed municipal official who is “indicted or informed against for the commission of a federal felony or misdemeanor or state felony or misdemeanor”; and

WHEREAS, Ana Lilia Stefano is presently serving as a Councilwoman for the Town of Medley, Florida, having been elected to the Town Council in 2018 and reelected as Councilwoman in a March 2021 Special Election; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2021, an Information was filed charging Ana Lilia Stefano, “aka” Lily Stefano, with the felony charges of (1) engaging in an organized scheme to defraud over \$50,000, in violation of section 817.034(4)(a)1, Florida Statutes, and (2) grand theft over \$20,000, in violation of section 812.014(2)(b)1, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, a violation of section 817.034(4)(a)1, Florida Statutes, constitutes a felony in the first degree, and a violation of section 812.014(2)(b)1, Florida Statutes, constitutes a felony in the second degree; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the residents of the Town of Medley and the citizens of the State of Florida that Ana Lilia Stefano be immediately suspended from the public office which she now holds, upon the grounds set forth in this executive order.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(c) of the Florida Constitution, and section 112.51, Florida Statutes, find as follows:

- A. Ana Lilia Stefano, and at all times material hereto, was Councilwoman for the Town of Medley, Florida.
- B. The office of Councilwoman for the Town of Medley, Florida, is within the purview of the suspension powers of the Governor, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7(c) of the Florida Constitution and Chapter 112 of the Florida Statutes.
- C. The Information alleges that Ana Lilia Stefano committed felony acts in violation of the Laws of Florida while serving as a Councilwoman. This suspension is predicated upon the attached Information which is incorporated as if fully set forth in this Executive Order.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is issued, effective immediately:

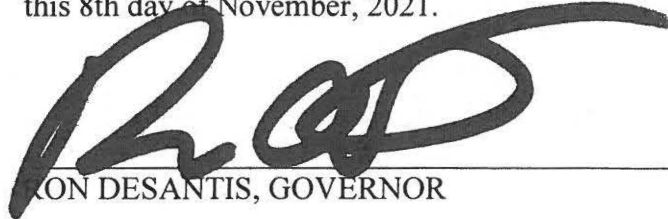
Section 1. Ana Lilia Stefano is suspended from the public office that she now holds, to wit: Town Councilwoman for the Town of Medley, Florida.

Section 2. Ana Lilia Stefano is prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to

any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from today, until further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at the Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida, this 8th day of November, 2021.


RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FL.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR MIAMI- DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA SPRING TERM, 2021

THE STATE OF FLORIDA v.

ANA LILIA STEFANO

Defendant(s)

INFORMATION FOR

1. ORGANIZED FRAUD/SCHEME TO DEFRAUD/ \$50,000
OR MORE
817.034(4)(A)1 FEL. 1D
2. GRAND THEFT SECOND DEGREE/ 20,000 OR MORE
BUT LESS THAN 100,000
812.014(2)(B)1 FEL. 2D

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

KATHERINE FERNANDEZ RUNDLE, State Attorney of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit,
prosecuting for the State of Florida, in the County of Miami-Dade, by and through her undersigned
Assistant State Attorney, under oath, Information makes that:

PERIKLES,JOHN :jp 11/03/2021

DIRECT FILE - WARRANT ALREADY FILED

Jail No. 210156576 ,Bkd: , CIN: 1245898, W/F, DOB: 3/2/1964

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STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF DADE
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the
Original on file in this office
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HARVEY RUVIN, Clerk of Circuit and County Courts
Deputy Clerk
BRENDOLYN ADAMS 7944



COUNT 1

ANA LILIA STEFANO, on or between June 27, 2019 and June 14 2021, in the County and State aforesaid, did unlawfully and feloniously engage in a scheme to defraud as defined by s. 817.034(3)(d), Fla. Stat., by engaging in a systematic, ongoing course of conduct with intent to defraud one or more persons obtain property from one or more persons, to wit: Feeding South Florida, Inc., by false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises or willful misrepresentations of a future act, and did thereby obtain property, to wit: donated food , of an aggregate value of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) or more, the property of Feeding South Florida, Inc., as owner or custodian, in violation of s. 817.034(4)(a)1, Fla. Stat., contrary to the form of the Statute in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida.

COUNT 2

And the aforesaid Assistant State Attorney, under oath, further information makes ANA LILIA STEFANO, on or between January 01, 2018 and May 24 2021, in the County and State aforesaid, did knowingly, unlawfully and feloniously obtain or use or did endeavor to obtain or use U.S. coin or currency, valued at twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) or more but less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), the property of Santana Moss Foundation, as owner or custodian, with the intent to temporarily or permanently deprive Santana Moss Foundation of a right to the property or of a benefit therefrom or to appropriate the property to said defendant's own use or to the use of a person not entitled thereto, in violation of s. 812.014(2)(b)1, Fla. Stat., contrary to the form of the Statute in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida.

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE:

Personally known to me and/or appeared before me physically or by telecommunications, the Assistant State Attorney of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida whose signature appears below, being first duly sworn, says that the allegations set forth in this Information are based upon facts which have been sworn to as true, by a material witness or witnesses, and which if true, would constitute the offenses therein charged, and that this prosecution is instituted in good faith.

/s/ John Perikles

/s/ **John Perikles**

Assistant State Attorney/Bar #: **833710**

1350 NW 12th Ave., Miami, FL (305) 547-0100

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of November, 2021.



By

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Deputy Clerk for Clerk of the Courts, or
Notary Public