

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2021E-11

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 assure that public officers and employees do not abuse the trust placed in them; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Sanders is at all times material hereto the former member of the City Commission of the City of Hallandale Beach and a former member of the Community Redevelopment (CRA) Board for the City of Hallandale Beach, 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 jurisdictions of the Commission on Ethics; and

WHEREAS, in the Final Order and Public Report No. 20-008 rendered on March 11, 2020, the Commission on Ethics found that Anthony Sanders violated section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes, by having an employment relationship that could create a recurring conflict and/or impeded the full and faithful discharge of his public duties as a City Commissioner, violated section 112.313(4), Florida Statutes, by soliciting accepting some compensation, payment, or thing of value (i.e. \$2,000 Pastor's Appreciation gift) that he knew or should have known was given to influence him in his official capacity and violated section

112.3148(4), Florida Statutes, by accepting a gift (i.e. Pastor's Appreciation gift) that he knew exceeded a \$100 value from a prohibited donor; and

WHEREAS, the Governor accepts the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 20-008.

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. Anthony Sanders violated section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes, by having an employment relationship that could create a recurring conflict and/or impeded the full and faithful discharge of his public duties as a City Commissioner, violated section 112.313(4), Florida Statutes, by soliciting accepting some compensation, payment, or thing of value (i.e. \$2,000 Pastor's Appreciation gift) that he knew or should have known was given to influence him in his official capacity and violated section 112.3148(4), Florida Statutes, by accepting a gift (i.e. Pastor's Appreciation gift) that he knew exceeded a \$100 value from a prohibited donor.
2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$3,500 for the violation of sections 112.313(7)(a), 112.313(4) and 112.3148(4), Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed against Sanders, which shall be satisfied within thirty (30) days of the date of this order. Payment must be submitted with a written statement under oath by Sanders that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.

3. Anthony Sanders is hereby publicly censured and reprimanded.



Ron DeSantis

GOVERNOR

DATE: January 28, 2021

By:

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James Uthmeier

ACTING GENERAL COUNSEL

On behalf of and by the authority of
Governor Ron DeSantis

ATTEST:

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Laurel M. Lee

SECRETARY OF STATE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FL

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