

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

ROBERTO SUAREZ AND CARIDAD  
ESPINOSA,

Petitioners,

v.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF  
MIAMI BEACH AND MIGUEL DEL  
CAMPILLO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE  
CITY OF MIAMI BEACH,

Respondents.

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HUD Case No. 04-12-0099-8

FCHR Case No. 2012H0121

DOAH Case No. 12-1212

FCHR Order No. 12-054

**FINAL ORDER DISMISSING PETITION FOR  
RELIEF FROM A DISCRIMINATORY HOUSING PRACTICE**

Preliminary Matters

Petitioners Roberto Suarez and Caridad Espinosa filed a housing discrimination complaint pursuant to the Fair Housing Act, Sections 760.20 - 760.37, Florida Statutes (2010), alleging that Respondents Housing Authority of the City of Miami Beach and Miguel Del Campillo, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the City of Miami Beach, committed a discriminatory housing practice on the basis of Petitioners' National Origin (Hispanic / Cuban) and on the basis of Petitioner Espinosa's age (not specified) by denying Petitioners participation in the Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program administered by Respondents.

The allegations set forth in the complaint were investigated, and, on March 6, 2012, the Executive Director issued a determination finding that there was no reasonable cause to believe that a discriminatory housing practice had occurred.

Petitioners filed a Petition for Relief from a Discriminatory Housing Practice and the case was transmitted to the Division of Administrative Hearings for the conduct of a formal proceeding.

An evidentiary hearing was held by video teleconference at sites in Miami and Tallahassee, Florida, on July 25 and 30, 2012, before Administrative Law Judge Robert E. Meale.

Judge Meale issued a Recommended Order of dismissal, dated August 17, 2012.

The Commission panel designated below considered the record of this matter and determined the action to be taken on the Recommended Order.

Findings of Fact

We find the Administrative Law Judge's findings of fact to be supported by competent substantial evidence.

We adopt the Administrative Law Judge's findings of fact.

Conclusions of Law

We find the Administrative Law Judge's application of the law to the facts to result in a correct disposition of the matter.

We adopt the Administrative Law Judge's conclusions of law.

Exceptions

None of the parties filed exceptions to the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Order.

Dismissal

The Petition for Relief and Housing Discrimination Complaint are DISMISSED with prejudice.

The parties have the right to seek judicial review of this Order. The Commission and the appropriate District Court of Appeal must receive notice of appeal within 30 days of the date this Order is filed with the Clerk of the Commission. Explanation of the right to appeal is found in Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, and in the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure 9.110.

DONE AND ORDERED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012.  
FOR THE FLORIDA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS:

Commissioner Gilbert M. Singer, Panel Chairperson;  
Commissioner Michell Long; and  
Commissioner Mario M. Valle

Filed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012,  
in Tallahassee, Florida.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been mailed to the above listed addressees this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012.

By: \_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Commission  
Florida Commission on Human Relations