

**BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**Pedro Marin**

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**CASE NO.**

**PC2008-0010**

**CONSENT ORDER**

This matter comes before the State Ethics Commission (Commission), pursuant to a Probable Cause investigation opened on January 24, 2008, alleging violations of the Ethics in Government Act (Act). Respondent waived his right to a preliminary hearing on March 12, 2008. Now, prior to a preliminary hearing, Respondent and the Commission agree to resolve this matter by way of Consent Order.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Respondent is the State Representative for District 96. Respondent accrued \$475 in late filing fees for four CCDRs. Respondent paid these late filing fees by check on February 22, 2008. Respondent violated O.C.G.A. § 21-5-34(a)(1)(A) by failing to file five copies of Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports (CCDRs), the originals of which were electronically filed with the Commission, with his local filing officer.

Finally, in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-5-50(b)(3), Respondent failed to list his direct business ownership in Niram Enterprises, Inc., under Section III of his 2005 and 2006 Personal Financial Disclosure Statements (PFDSs), although Respondent did list Niram Enterprises as his employer under Section VI of his 2005 and 2006 PFDSs. Respondent has amended these PFDSs, and now lists Niram Enterprises under Section III.

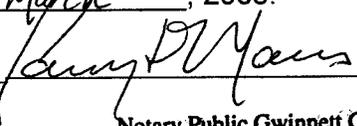
The Respondent is hereby ordered to pay a total civil penalty of \$500: \$250 due within thirty (30) days of the date of this Consent Order, and \$250 due within sixty (60) days of the date of this Consent Order. The civil penalty must be paid out of Respondent's personal funds and not those of his campaign. Respondent is further ordered to cease and desist from any and all actions that violate the Act.

Respondent represents that the foregoing findings of fact are true, agrees to the conclusions of law, and further agrees to abide by all terms thereof. By signing this Order Respondent waives any right to an appeal pursuant to the procedures outlined in O.C.G.A. § 50-13 *et seq.* Failure to comply with the terms herein absent good faith attempts to comply will constitute a willful and knowing violation of said terms by the Respondent. Respondent's failure to comply with the terms herein shall constitute a breach of this agreement and thereby authorize the Commission to seek an enforcement action against the Respondent. The parties agree that all costs and attorney fees incurred by the Commission in an enforcement action shall be assessed against the Respondent pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-5-6(b)(14)(C).

The Commission adopts the foregoing statements and conclusions as the Commission's findings of fact and conclusions of law, and orders the implementation of the terms of this Consent Order.

Signatures attested to on this 21<sup>st</sup> day  
of March, 2008.

By: \_\_\_\_\_



Notary Public Gwinnett County, Georgia  
My Commission Expires October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011

RESPONDENT

  
Pedro Marin

SO ORDERED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of MAY, 2008.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

By: \_\_\_\_\_



William H. Jordan  
Chairman