

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2020E-07

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Commission on Ethics has issued Final Order and Public Report No. 19-012; and

WHEREAS, the Governor accepts the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Commission on Ethics Final Order and Public Report No. 19-012, In re Richard B. Romanoff, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Ricky Thompson was at all times material hereto the Chairman/member of the Board of Supervisors for the University Place Community Development District, 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

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. Richard B. Romanoff, Jr. violated section 112.313(3), Florida Statutes, by serving, along with his wife, as an officer, stockholder, or employee with Electro Mechanical South, Inc. and entering into a service agreement with Romanoff's agency under which his private company accepted payments and violated section 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes, by serving, along with his wife, as an officer, stockholder, or employee with Electro Mechanical South, Inc. and entering into a service agreement with Romanoff's agency under which his private company accepted payments.

2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000 for the violation of sections 112.313(3) and 112.313(7)(a), Florida Statutes, is hereby imposed against Romanoff, 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 Romanoff that the penalty amount was not paid with public funds and will not be reimbursed with public funds.



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

DATE: February 11, 2020

By:

Joseph Jacquot
GENERAL COUNSEL

On behalf of and by the authority of Governor Ron DeSantis

ATTEST:

Laurel M. Lee
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SECRETARY OF STATE

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