

BOARD OF ETHICS
PRE-CONFERENCE
STATEMENT OF FINDINGS AND DECISION

Pre-Conference Date: January 4, 2024

Complainant: Ben Clymer, Jr.

Public Official: Clarissa Cervantes (Councilmember)

Filed Date: November 7, 2023

Alleged Violation Dates: July 2, 2023

Alleged Violations
of Prohibited Conduct: Riverside Municipal Code Section
2.78.060 (M) *Violations of federal, state, or local law
prohibited citing an unconstitutional violation of the
1st Amendment by censoring social media platforms.*

Board of Ethics Members
Present: Chair Newman, Vice Chair Vega and Members
DeHerrera, Foreman, Hill-Skinner, and Dr. Benson

Party Present: Clarissa Cervantes (Councilmember)

Party Absent: Ben Clymer, Jr.

Findings and Decision

Following review of the Code of Ethics and Conduct amended complaint by Ben Clymer, Jr. against Councilmember Cervantes, it was moved by Member Foreman and seconded by Member Hill-Skinner to determine that the evidence provided by the complainant failed to show that it is more likely than not that there may be a potential violation of the Prohibited Conduct of Riverside Municipal Code Section 2.78.060 (M) Violations of federal, state or local law prohibited citing an unconstitutional violation of the 1st Amendment by censoring social media platforms. The motion carried with Chair Newman, Vice Chair Vega, and Members, Foreman, and Hill-Skinner voting aye, Dr. Benson voting no, Member DeHerrera abstaining, and Member Foley absent.

Attest:



DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk

Dated this 19th day of January 2024.