

BOARD OF ETHICS HEARING PANEL
Pre-Hearing Conference
STATEMENT OF FINDINGS AND DECISION

Complainant: Selma Kelly

Public Officials: Councilmembers Fierro and Cervantes, Mayor Pro Tem Plascencia, and Mayor Lock Dawson

Alleged Violation Date: July 15 – July 17, 2021

Hearing Panel Decision: Thursday, October 7, 2021

Alleged Violations: Riverside Municipal Code 2.78.060 (D) Advocacy of private interests of third parties in certain circumstances prohibited; Riverside Municipal Code 2.78.060 (I) Knowingly assisting another Public Official in violating this Code of Ethics and Conduct prohibited; and Riverside Municipal Code Section 2.78.060(M) Violation of federal, State, or local law prohibited

Hearing Panel Members Present: Chair Newman, Member Ford, Member Huerta, and Member Keen

Hearing Panel Members Absent: Member Stahovich and Alternate Member Graham

Findings and Decision

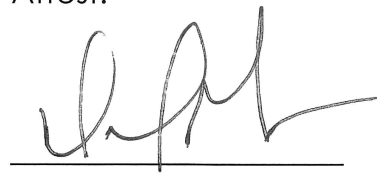
Following review of the Code of Ethics and Conduct complaint filed by Selma Kelly against Councilmembers Fierro and Cervantes, Mayor Pro Tem Plascencia, and Mayor Lock Dawson alleging violations of (1) Riverside Municipal Code 2.78.060 (D) *Advocacy of private interests of third parties in certain circumstances prohibited*; (2) Riverside Municipal Code 2.78.060(I) *Knowingly assisting another Public Official in violating this Code of Ethics and Conduct prohibited*; and (3) Riverside Municipal Code Section 2.78.060(M) *Violation of federal, State, or local law prohibited*, it was moved by Hearing Panel Member Huerta and seconded by Hearing Panel Member Keen to determine the complainant failed to show that it was more likely than not that there may have been a violation of prohibited conduct finding there was no evidence of a violation in the complaint in regard to Riverside Municipal Code 2.78.060(D) *Advocacy of private interests of third parties in certain circumstances prohibited*, Riverside Municipal Code

2.78.060(M) *Violations of federal, State, or local law prohibited*, and Riverside Municipal Code 2.78.060(I) *Knowingly assisting another Public Official in violating this Code of Ethics and Conduct prohibited*. The motion carried with Chair Newman and Members Ford, Huerta, and Keen voting aye.

Chair Newman instructed the City Clerk to prepare a Statement of Findings for the Hearing Panel to adopt at the next regular meeting of the Board of Ethics.

The hearing panel adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Gause', written over a horizontal line.

DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk

Dated this 19th day of October, 2021.

