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Subject: [External] Proceed to Penalty Phase, from Roberta Allotta

The postponement of my hearing until July, when the pre hearing was January 7; is not acceptable. There needs to be accountability for the two already sustained violations of the Municipal Code 2.77.060 M, Discrimination and Quid Pro Quo.

I am willing to drop my case in order to advance to the penalty phase. The people of Riverside and the victims of the Councilwoman Plascencia's unethical actions deserve a resolution. This case has been dragging on already, for one year and two months, since January 2020.

If I were to continue with my hearing, the Ethics Panel would have come to the same conclusion as the Panel did on October 15, 2020. That is, that the Sunshine Ordinance was violated when the Councilwoman put the removal of a commissioner on the urgent agenda, late on a Friday afternoon before a three day weekend that immediately preceded the Tuesday board meeting. They would have again agreed that no substantial impact would occur if the item was deferred to a later meeting, 4.05.050 (C)(2)(a). They would have again agreed that no new information came to the attention of the Councilwoman after the original posting of the agenda, 4.05.050 (C)(3)(a). Both of these issues disqualifies the use of a second signature, as shown in the Municipal Code 4.05.050 (C).

Justice delayed is justice denied! If the can is continually kicked down the road and Councilwoman Plascencia doesn't see any repercussions for the sustained ethics violations, it makes a mockery of the ethics process and sends the message that this City Council approves of this type of behavior.

I want to be informed when the penalty phase is on the agenda.

Respectfully,
Roberta Allotta