



CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT COMPLAINT

QUEJA DEL CÓDIGO DE ÉTICA Y DE CONDUCTA

Riverside Municipal Code Chapter 2.78
Código Municipal de Riverside Capítulo 2.78

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- Check box if this is an amendment to a complaint filed within the last 30 days.
Marque la casilla si se trata de una enmienda a una queja presentada en los últimos 30 días.

1. Person filing complaint / 1. Persona que presenta la queja

Name: / Nombre: Rich Gardner Phone: / Telefono: [REDACTED]

Address: / Dirección: [REDACTED] Email: / Correo electrónico: [REDACTED]

2. Official who committed alleged violation / 2. El Oficial (Funcionario) que cometió presunta violación

Name: / Nombre: Miles Ward

Position: / Puesto: Commissioner, Budget Engagement Commission

3. Date(s) of alleged violation:

3. Fecha(s) de presunta violación:

January 14 2026

4. Date you became aware of alleged violation:

4. Fecha en que se entero de la presunta violación:

January 14, 2026

Complaints shall be filed with the City Clerk within one (1) year from the date of the alleged violation.

Las quejas deben presentarse ante la Secretaria Municipal dentro de un (1) año a partir de la fecha de la presunta violación.

5. Specific Prohibited Conduct of RMC Section 2.78.060 of Code of Ethics and Conduct allegedly violated:

5. Sección específica de conducta prohibida bajo RMC 2.78.060 del Código de Ética y Conducta presuntamente violada:

- A. Use of Official Title or Position for Personal Gain Prohibited**
El uso del título o puesto oficial para beneficio personal es prohibido
- B. Use or Divulgence of Confidential or Privileged Information Prohibited**
El uso o la divulgación de información confidencial o privilegiada es prohibido
- C. Use of City Resources for Non-City Purposes Prohibited**
El uso de recursos de la ciudad para fines ajenos a la ciudad es prohibido
- D. Advocacy of Private Interests of Third Parties in Certain Circumstances Prohibited**
La defensa de los intereses privados de terceros en determinadas circunstancias es prohibido
- E. Endorsements for Compensation Prohibited**
Endosos por compensación es prohibido
- F. Violation of Government Code Sections 87100 et seq., Prohibited (Conflict of Interest)**
Violación de las Secciones 87100 et seq., del Código de Gobierno, es prohibido (Conflicto de Intereses)
- G. Certain Political Activity Prohibited (Coercion of City employees to participate in election activities)**
Ciertas actividades políticas son prohibidas (sugestionar empleados de la ciudad para participar en actividades electorales)

- H. Display of Campaign Materials in or on City Vehicles Prohibited**
La exhibición de materiales de campaña en vehículos de la ciudad o sobre ellos es prohibido
- I. Knowingly Assisting Another Public Official in Violating This Code of Ethics and Conduct Prohibited**
Ayudar deliberadamente a otro funcionario público a violar este Código de Ética y Conducta es prohibido
- J. Negotiation for Employment With Any Party Having a Matter Pending Before City Prohibited**
Negociación de empleo con cualquier parte que tenga un asunto pendiente ante la ciudad es prohibido
- K. Ex Parte Contact in Quasi-Judicial Matters Prohibited**
Contacto ex parte en asuntos cuasi-judiciales es prohibido
- L. Attempts to Coerce Official Duties Prohibited**
Intentos de coaccionar los deberes oficiales es prohibido
- M. Violations of Local Law Prohibited**
Se prohíben las infracciones de las leyes locales
- N. Convictions of Federal or State Law Affecting Their Office Prohibited.**
Se prohíben las infracciones de las leyes federales o estatales afectando la oficina que ocupan

6. For alleged violations of RMC Section 2.78.070(M), the specific section(s) of the Charter of the City of Riverside or the Riverside Municipal Code, or the policy of the City of Riverside, including when the policy of the City of Riverside was established, that is alleged to have been violated must be identified below.

6. Para supuestas infracciones de la Sección 2.78.070(M) de RMC, la(s) sección(es) específica(s) de la Carta Orgánica de la Ciudad de Riverside o el Código Municipal de Riverside, o la política de la Ciudad de Riverside, incluso cuando se estableció la política de la Ciudad de Riverside, que se alega que fue violada deben ser identificadas aquí.

R.M.C. 2.78.070 ~~C~~⁰⁵⁰ - "and encourage open AND free discussion of public issues"
R.M.C. 2.78.060 A - use of official title for personal gain.
*See Reverse Side for Details

7. For alleged violations of RMC Section 2.78.070 (N), the specific federal or state law for which the public official was convicted or entered a plea of no contest must be identified below with an explanation of how the alleged violation affects the performance of their duties in the office that they hold.

7. Para supuestas infracciones de la Sección 2.78.070(N) de RMC, la ley federal o estatal específica por la cual el funcionario público fue condenado o presentó una declaración de no impugnación debe identificarse a continuación con una explicación de cómo la presunta infracción afecta el desempeño de las funciones de el puesto que ocupa el funcionario.

8. Names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses, if known, of each person the complainant intends to call as a witness at the hearing (may identify additional witnesses on a separate sheet):

8. Nombres, direcciones, números de teléfono y direcciones de correo electrónico, si se conocen, de cada persona a la que el demandante intenta llamar como testigo en la audiencia (puede identificar testigos adicionales en una hoja separada):

Miles WARD 909-315-4549 OR 909-231-8766
SCAN Mill 714-858-1145

9. Attach copies of any and all documents, photographs, recordings, or other tangible materials to be introduced and considered at the hearing.

9. Adjunte copias de todos y cada uno de los documentos, fotografías, grabaciones que se presentarán para consideración en la audiencia.

Witnesses, documents, photographs, recordings or other tangible materials, other than those submitted with the complaint or official's reply, shall not be introduced at the hearing or considered by the hearing panel, except upon a finding by the hearing panel that the discovery of the evidence came to the awareness of the proponent after the filing of the complaint or reply and that the proponent disclosed such information to the City Clerk as soon as practicable after becoming aware of its existence.

Testigos, documentos, fotografías, grabaciones y otros materiales que existen, que no sean los presentados con la queja o la respuesta del funcionario, no serán presentados en la audiencia o considerados por el panel de audiencia, excepto cuando el panel de audiencia determine que el descubrimiento de la evidencia llegó a conocimiento del proponente después de la presentación de la queja o respuesta y que el proponente divulgó dicha información a la Secretaria Municipal tan pronto como fue posible después de tener conocimiento de su existencia.

ON JAN 14th AT ORANG TERRACE COMMUNITY PARK, MILES WARD WAS SITTING IN FRONT OF ME AND MY DAUGHTER AT A PUBLIC EVENT AT OR AROUND 6 P.M. I HAD ALREADY HAD SEVERAL PLEASANT EXCHANGES WITH SEVERAL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND SINCE HE WAS WITHIN A HANDSHAKE DISTANCE AND I HAD MET HIM A COUPLE OF TIMES BEFORE I THOUGHT I WOULD JUST BE COURTEOUS AND SAY HI. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT WAS VERY DISTURBING. HIS RESPONSE TO HELLO WAS TO TELL ME HOW DISPLEASED HE WAS WITH MY COMMENTS ABOUT ~~SE~~ "HIS COUNCILMAN AND FRIEND SEAN MILL". HE PROCEEDED TO ASK FOR AN APOLOGY AND BEFORE I COULD SAY A WORD HE SAID "IN FACT I DEMAND THAT YOU APOLOGIZE. MY RESPONSE WAS "WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE TO DEMAND ANYTHING FROM ME?" TO WHICH HIS REPLY WAS "WELL, I AM A COMMISSIONER IN THIS CITY AND AM VERY ENGAGED IN WHAT IS GOING ON" AT THIS POINT THERE WAS NO TALKING WITH HIM. HE DID GET UP AND I NOTICED HE WAS HAVING A CONVERSATION WITH SEAN MILL IN THE BACK OF THE ROOM, WHO HAS CONFIRMED THAT MILES TOLD HIM OF OUR CONVERSATION INCLUDING USING HIS TITLE AS LEVERAGE TO FORCE AN APOLOGY. I EMAILED THE DETAILS OF THIS EVENT ON JAN. 20th TO THE MAYOR, CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, AND SEAN MILL. ONLY AFTER SEVERAL TEXT MESSAGES AND FACEBOOK MESSAGES COULD NOT GET MILES TO ADMIT THAT BEING A COMMISSIONER DOES NOT GIVE HIM BULLYING PRIVILEGES. AS A ~~MEMBER~~ FORMER MEMBER OF A CITY BOARD, I WOULD NEVER USE THAT POSITION FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN TO SERVE MY CITY? I FEEL THAT THE BARE MINIMUM THAT SHOULD COME FROM THIS COMPLAINT IS A HIGHER UP IN THE CITY EXPLAINING (AGAIN) THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF CITY OFFICIAL POSITIONS REGARDLESS OF IF IT IS A CITY EVENT. I HOPE THIS CAN BE RESOLVED.

3/11/2026

10. Signed under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California:

10. Firmado bajo pena de perjurio de las leyes del estado de California:

[Redacted Signature]

Signature / Firma

3/11/28

Date / Fecha

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MAR 11 2026

City of Riverside
City Clerk's Office

Date City Clerk notified complainant, if deemed incomplete: _____

Date City Clerk accepted as complete and filed: 3/11/2026

PLEASE NOTE:
TENGA EN CUENTA:

The burden of proof is on the complainant and the complainant must prove the violation by a preponderance of the evidence.

La carga de la prueba descansa sobre la persona que presenta la queja y la persona que presenta la queja debe probar la violación por preponderancia de la evidencia.

Failure to complete all sections of this form may result in the filing being deemed incomplete and the complainant will be so notified. Incomplete filings will not be processed.

Falta de completar todas las secciones de este formulario puede resultar en que la presentación se considere incompleta y se notificará a la persona que presenta la queja. No se procesarán las presentaciones incompletas.

File completed form and attachments:

Presente o mande formulario completo y anexos:

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