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RE: Ethics Complaints filed on August 28, 2023

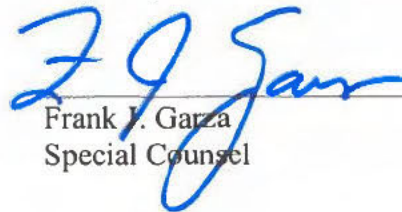
Dear Mr. Laign:

Our firm has been retained by the City Attorney for the City of El Paso, Texas (“City”), to assist the City regarding the ethics complaint you filed against former City Representative Claudia Rodriguez on August 28, 2023. I determined that the allegations made in the complaint describe a matter that is within the jurisdiction of the Ethics Review Commission (“Commission”). While no determination has been made that former Representative Rodriguez violated the Ethics Code, the facts you alleged in the complaint will require review by the Commission and the Commission will make a determination if any Ethics Rules were violated.

Former Representative Rodriguez has been provided a copy of the complaint and per §2.92.170 (A) of the City’s Code, she has up to fourteen (14) days to respond by filing a sworn statement with the City Clerk. Upon receiving the response, you will be forwarded a copy of her response to the complaint. Once received, the Ethics Review Commission will schedule a hearing within thirty (30) days per §2.92.190 (A). You will be provided notice as to the date and time the Ethics Review Commission hearing is scheduled so that you may present your evidence.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email at fgarza@dtrglaw.com.

Regards,


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cc: Ethics Review Commission Members
Ms. Karla M. Nieman, City Attorney
Ms. Laura D. Prine, City Clerk