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SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

Lisa Christopherson 9908 Inniskillin Ave SW Albuquerque, NM 87121 abqcommunityorganizer@gmail.com

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Re: BOE 02-2025 Christopherson v. Watson

Dear Lisa Christopherson,

On Tuesday, June 24, 2025, you filed a complaint with our office against Ethan Watson, the City Clerk for the City of Albuquerque. As is required by the *Rules by the Board of Ethics & Campaign Practices for the Election Code, the Open and Ethical Election Code, and the Code of Ethics of the City Charter*, the City Clerk reviews all complaints for facial sufficiency. See Section 5(A)(2).

Your complaint is not facially sufficiency and does not meet the criteria identified in the Board's Rules. A complaint must provide "[a] description, in reasonable detail of the alleged violation, including the section(s) or part(s) of the Codes or Rules of the Board that Complainant believes in good faith to have been violated." *Id.* at 5(A)(3)(g). Here, your complaint does not allege or describe any violations of the Code of Ethics, the Election Code, or the Board's Rules.

You were previously notified on May 30, 2025, that your earlier complaint (BOE 01-2025) was rejected on similar grounds. That notice also advised you of your right to appeal the Clerk's determination within five (5) days. No appeal was filed by June 6, 2025. The Board then discussed this on June 11, 2025, after the time for appeal had expired. The submission received on June 24, 2025, appears to be a continuation or restatement of your prior complaint and raises

no new factual allegations that would cure the original deficiencies or otherwise invoke the Board's jurisdiction.

Accordingly, we are not referring your complaint to the Board of Ethics and Campaign Practices.

You may file a new complaint or appeal this decision <u>within five (5) days</u> to the Board of Ethics and Campaign Practices pursuant to the Board's Rules.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Jason Marks, Board of Ethics & Campaign Practices, Chair Chris Peck, Deputy City Clerk Cristobal Rocha, Program Administrator