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July 17, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

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Re: *BOE 03-2025 Telles v. Forrester*

Dear Ms. Telles,

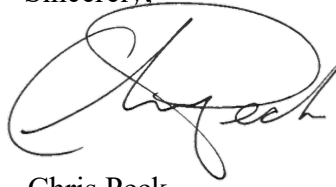
On Wednesday, July 16, 2025, you filed a complaint with our office against Scott Forrester, a campaign manager for a City Council candidate. As is required by the *Rules by the Board of Ethics & Campaign Practices for the Election Code, the Open and Ethical Election Code, and the Code of Ethics of the City Charter*, the City Clerk reviews all complaints for facial sufficiency. See Section 5(A)(2) of the Rules of the Board of Ethics.

Your complaint is not facially sufficient 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) of the Rules of the Board of Ethics. Here, your complaint does not allege or describe any violations of the Code of Ethics, the Election Code, or the Board's Rules. Instead, the Complaint alleges a violation of NMSA 1978 §1-20-11, offering a bribe; §1-20-15, conspiracy to commit election offense; §30-16-6, fraud; and §30-16-9, extortion.

The Board of Ethics does not have jurisdiction to enforce New Mexico State Statutes. Therefore, we are not referring your complaint to the Board of Ethics and Campaign Practices. To the extent your complaint concerns potential violations of state law, such as criminal statutes, those matters may fall under the jurisdiction of other authorities.

You may file a new complaint or appeal this decision within 5 days to the Board of Ethics and Campaign Practices pursuant to the Board's Rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Peck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a trailing flourish.

Chris Peck
Acting Albuquerque City Clerk

cc: Ethan Watson, Albuquerque City Clerk
Cristobal Rocha, Program Administrator
Scott Forrester, Respondent