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SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

Jason Marks

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

Dear Chair Marks,

On Wednesday, July 16, 2025, Ms. Stephanie Telles 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.

The City Clerk initially reviewed the complaint and determined it was not facially sufficient under the Board's Rules. The Complainant has since appealed that determination and provided an addendum to the original complaint. As a result, both the appeal and the underlying complaint are now before the Board. The Board must first determine whether the City Clerk's rejection was appropriate. If the appeal is granted, the Board must then schedule a hearing on the merits of the original complaint. The procedural posture now requires the Board to address the appeal before taking any further action.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ethan Watson  
Albuquerque City Clerk

Cc: Chris Peck, Deputy City Clerk  
Ian Alden, Board Attorney  
Stephanie Telles, Candidate for City Council  
Scott Forrester, Campaign Manager for a City Council Candidate