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SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

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Re: *BOE 10-2025 Candelaria v. Garcia*

Dear Mr. Candelaria and Ms. Garcia

On December 15, 2025, Jacob Candelaria filed a complaint with our office against Teresa Garcia, a candidate for City Council District 3. 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 reviewed the complaint for facial sufficiency. I am writing to provide you with the results of the City Clerk's review.

The complaint alleges a violation of Article XIII, citing Section 14(d)(1)(A)–(C), which the City Clerk understands to reference the campaign finance disclosure provisions of Article XIII, Section 4, due to the Respondent's alleged failure to disclose campaign-related legal services received in connection with a nominating petition challenge as either an expenditure or an in-kind contribution.

Having thoroughly reviewed the complaint for facial sufficiency in accordance with the Rules, we have determined that the complaint is facially sufficient and may warrant further review. Therefore, we are referring this claim to the Board of Ethics for further investigation.

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

Sincerely,

Ethan Watson
Albuquerque City Clerk

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

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

Respondents must file an answer to the complaint within ten (10) days of receiving notice from the City Clerk, which is **December 28, 2025**.

1. The City Clerk's staff will reach out to you to schedule an evidentiary hearing that must be held within thirty (30) days of the Board receiving a complaint, except when the hearing falls within a "blackout period," in which case seven (7) additional days are added.
2. A Respondent may request a settlement conference at any time after the complaint is filed.
3. A settlement conference offer must be accepted within ten (10) days, or it is automatically withdrawn.
4. A Complainant may file a motion to dismiss a complaint at least fourteen (14) days before the scheduled hearing.
5. Both parties must submit a list of witnesses and documentary evidence at least ten (10) days before the hearing.
6. Any party objecting to the authenticity of exhibits must do so in writing at least three (3) days before the hearing.
7. The Board must send a written decision to all Parties within three (3) days after the hearing.
8. Any party may appeal the Board's decision to the District Court of the 2nd Judicial District within five (5) days of the action or order.