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**RE: Ethics Complaints filed on August 28, 2023**

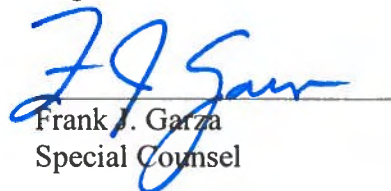
Dear Mr. Laign:

Our firm has been retained by the City Attorney for the City of El Paso, Texas (“City”), to assist the City’s Ethics Commission regarding the ethics complaint you filed against former City Representative Claudia Rodriguez on August 28, 2023. Ms. Rodriguez had been provided a copy of the complaint and per §2.92.170 (A) of the City’s Code, was provided the opportunity to provide a response by filing a sworn statement with the City Clerk. As of today, Ms. Rodriguez has not provided a response.

The Commission is scheduled to meet on **Wednesday November 8, 2023 at 5:30 PM** at City Hall in the Main Room to review and discuss the complaint. If the hearing is not completed on November 8, 2023, the Commission has also reserved to continue the hearing on **Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 5:30 PM**. Per Section 2.92.190 (F) of the City Code, you as the complainant have a right to attend the hearing, the right to make a statement, present evidence and witnesses pursuant to the rules set by the Commission for the hearing, and the right to be accompanied by legal counsel or advisor. Please take note that per the Code, your legal counsel or advisor may not speak on your behalf, except to represent you while testifying. While the City is in receipt of your exhibits you plan to introduce, if you have any additional exhibits or witnesses, please notify the City Clerk no later than **November 1, 2023**, so that the Commission may review the exhibits and coordinate the witnesses prior to the date of the hearing.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email at [fgarza@dtrglaw.com](mailto:fgarza@dtrglaw.com).

Regards,



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cc: Ethics Review Commission Members  
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Ms. Laura D. Prine, City Clerk