PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

March 2, 2023

TO:

Melissa Manriquez

Clerk of the Board

FROM:

Steve Christy

District 4 Supervisor

SUBJECT:

Agenda Addendum Item

Please place the following item on the Addendum to the Agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting of March 7, 2023:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Discussion/Direction/Action regarding asserted Board of Supervisors policy violations during Call to the Public, the enforcement thereof, and the action taken and directed by Board counsel on an unspecified date against a Call to the Public speaker. (District 4)

Thank you.

Laura Conover

Pima County Attorney



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Civil Division

Ms. Shirley Requard

RE: Board Policy Violations during Call to the Audience

Dear Ms. Requard:

We appreciate your engagement at the Pima County Board of Supervisor meetings. Civic engagement and political discourse are vital components in our democracy. Likewise, rules and regulations are vital components in our democracy to ensure that elected and other government officials can perform their duties in a timely and orderly manner. In Pima County, some of those rules are outlined in the Board of Supervisor Rules and Regulations¹, and include the following:

B. Chair. (4) Control of Chamber. The Chair controls the Board Chamber

K. Participation by Employees and Public. (7) Orderly Conduct. Citizens attending a meeting will observe rules of propriety, decorum and good conduct. Any person making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks or who becomes hoisterous while addressing the Board, may be removed by the Sergeant at Arms at the direction of the Chair. Such person may be harred from further audience before the Board....

On January 24, 2023, February 7, 2023, and February 21, 2023, you engaged in the following violations of Board policy by "making personal...or slanderous remarks":

- 1. On January 24, 2023, you stated, "I see that this Board needs to be taken to task, and Mr. Brown, to look into possibly filing pedophilia charges against Matt Heinz." You were then cautioned by Board Chair Adelita Grijalva that your comments were inappropriate.
- 2. On February 7, 2023, you continued to call for charges to be filed against Mr. Heinz for alleged acts of sexual conduct with a minor, at which point you were given a verbal warning by Board Chair Grijalva that the consequences would be escalated if you continued with such conduct.
- 3. On February 21, 2023, you stated, "Immediately following the oral presentations by members of the audience at the last meeting, I was threatened by Adelita Grijalva that she would have me arrested if I mentioned the word, 'pedophile,' once again in relation to the yet unresolved issue pertaining to the joy boy encounter on a recent cruise of one of our unnamed Board Members, which was televised for all to see. I ask once again, what progress has been made to uncover the passenger manifest of the cruise in order to verify the biological age of that unsupervised male who paraded into the Board Member's stateroom while wearing women's panties. Where is the leadership of this board? Why isn't anyone demanding a full investigation into the facts? Well, pedophile! Pedophile! Pedophile!"

¹ Available here: <u>AdoptedBOSRulesandRegs_Revised12012020.pdf (pima.gov)</u> {94261 / 01065106 / v 1}

In accordance with Board policy, a person violating regulation K.7 "may be barred from further audience before the Board." As a result of your repeated actions in "making personal...or slanderous remarks" at multiple board meetings, even escalating such remarks after fair notice and warning was given by the Board Chair, you are hereby barred from audience before the Board for three (3) months, effective immediately and ending June 1, 2023.

Once you are permitted to attend future meetings, you are hereby directed to refrain from similar conduct, or you will be barred from further meetings. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to, refusing to follow the directives of the Chair, and making personal attacks such as calling a board member a "pedophile" on multiple occasions, or any other conduct that leads to a disruption or delay during a Supervisor's meeting.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Samuel E. Brown

Chief Civil Deputy, Pima County Attorney's Office

CC: Board of Supervisors County Administrator