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MEMORANDUM

Date: December 1, 2022

To: RTA Citizens Advisory Committee Member, Abby Okrent

Cc: RTA Board Members
Thomas Benavidez, RTA Legal Counsel

From: Farhad Moghimi, RTA Executive Director 

Re: Notice of Potential Dismissal from CAC

On November 10, 2022, you accused the RTA's vice chair, Mayor Ed Honea, and other unnamed RTA Board members, of violating Arizona's open meeting laws. We have reviewed your claim and found no merit to it.

Making reckless accusations is a violation of our Code of Conduct that you agreed to comply with (signed statement attached). This is an offense which undermines the mission of the RTA and the CAC.

You have been instructed on multiple occasions, to comply with the open meeting laws. Your email dated August 12, 2022, complaining about staff for their refusal "*to facilitate communication among the committee members in between meetings*" demonstrated your lack of appreciation for staff's roles and responsibilities and how even asking staff to facilitate such a communication violates the open meeting law. Our staff are instructed to refuse to do anything that is not legal. On October 20, 2022, you violated the open meeting laws again by sending an email to the entire CAC to discuss your position on a topic that was on the previous agenda and will most likely be on future CAC agendas for action.

It is my duty to ensure that all committee members comply with the applicable laws and our code of conduct. This memorandum is notice to you that if you persist in disregarding our code of conduct, I will request that the RTA Board remove you from the CAC.

I implore you to find a way to channel your enthusiasm for your position on these issues into constructive communication and discourse within the confines of the committee's operating guidelines and the law.



PAG/RTA CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) CANDIDATE

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND NON-DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Advisory Committee Candidate:

I certify that:

- 1) I am not aware of any conflict of interest for direct or indirect financial gain concerning any position, membership or employment with any entities that are either direct recipient or subrecipient of any regional funds from PAG, RTA or any of the nine member jurisdictions of the RTA and, in the event, that I become aware of a conflict of interest, real or apparent, during my membership on the CAC, I will disclose such conflict to PAG for appropriate action, including removal from the committee.

- 2) I will adhere to the applicable portions of the Open Meeting Laws (A.R.S. §§ 38-431 to 431.09).

- 3) With my signature below, I affirm that I will comply with PAG's Committee Operating Guidelines and Procedures and hereby agree to comply with all federal, state, and local rules, responsibilities, and expectations of PAG/RTA committee members, if I am selected to serve on the CAC.

Name: (Print) ___Abigail Okrent_____

Signature: ___/s Abby Okrent_____ Date: ___1/14/22_____