

February 1, 2016

Mr. Larry Romero
City Representative, District Two
City of El Paso
3230 Montana
El Paso, TX 79903

Via First Class Mail and Fax: (915) 212-0012

Re: Sworn Complaint filed with the City of El Paso Ethics Commission

Representative Romero:

On January 19, 2016, our firm provided you with a copy of the sworn complaint filed against you with the City of El Paso Ethics Commission ("the Commission") by Mr. Jim Tolbert ("the complaint"), as well as a copy of the City's Ethics Ordinance. We also asked that, if you are represented by legal counsel, your counsel file a notice of appearance with the Commission. To date, you have not notified me or the Commission that you are represented by legal counsel.

As our previous letter noted, the Commission is in the process of compiling evidence relating to the allegations. In anticipation of its next meeting, the Commission wants to afford you an opportunity to provide a written response to the allegations made by the Complainant. Your written response will be made available to the members of the Ethics Commission as they contemplate what evidence to seek at its next meeting. In addition to any written response that you choose to submit, the Commission asks that you provide answers to the list of questions attached to this letter. Please provide your written response and answers to the attached questions by noon on February 9, 2016, via email to rf@gobergroup.com for distribution to the Ethics Commission members.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. Feel free to contact me with any questions.



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Enclosure

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QUESTIONS TO REP. LARRY ROMERO

I. RFQ for Financial Advisor:

- a. Did you have any communication (conversations, emails, text messages, telephone calls, etc.) with City Manager Tommy Gonzalez, including any member of his senior staff (hereinafter collectively "Gonzalez") pertaining to issuing an RFQ for a new financial advisor (the "FA-RFQ") before or after the July 2014 budget hearing? If so, please describe in detail those communications.
- b. Did you have any communication (conversations, emails, text messages, telephone calls, etc.) with Estrada Hinojosa, including but not limited to Noe Hinojosa (hereinafter collectively "Hinojosa") to discuss issuing an FA-RFQ before or after the July 22, 2014 budget hearing? If so, please describe in detail those communications.
- c. Did you have any communication (conversations, emails, text messages, telephone calls, etc.) with Hinojosa pertaining to the language or terminology to be included in the FA-RFQ? If so, please describe in detail those communications.
- c. Did you believe that your comments at the City Council meeting of July 22, 2014 were sufficient to direct Gonzalez to issue the FA-RFQ? If so, please state in detail what led you to that belief?
- d. Did you re-listen to that that portion of the City Council meeting where you proposed issuing a FA-RFQ to determine whether your remarks were generally approved by City Council?
- e. Was it your impression and/or belief that Gonzalez could/can proceed to issue the FA-RFQ at the request of a single city council representative?
- f. What authority do you believe you had to initiate the issuance of the FA-RFQ without full City Council authorization?
- g. Is it your understanding or belief that the FA-RFQ required City Attorney review before issuance? If so, why was this not done?
- h. When did you first become aware that the contract with First Southwest would have to be terminated in order to retain the services of another financial advisor?
 1. Did you believe that such termination would be for convenience or cause?
 2. What led you to reaching such a belief?
 3. When did you become aware of the notice requirement required for termination of First Southwest's contract?

- i. Did you provide any input into the decision to include a three-week response period in the FA-RFQ even though the City's procurement policy requires a minimum of four weeks to respond to an RFQ?
- j. Why was the City Attorney's office ultimately consulted with respect to the RA-RFQ? Whose idea was it to involve them?
- k. Did you at any time pertinent to the discussion and issuance of the FA-RFQ disclose to anyone with the City of El Paso your prior relationship with Hinojosa?
- l. By seeking the issuance of the FA-RFQ, did you improperly use our official position to secure unwarranted privileges for or from Hinojosa? If not, please state in detail why not.
- l. By seeking the issuance of the FA-RFQ, is it reasonable for one to reach the impression that you could improperly influence Gonzalez in the performance of his official duties? If not, please state in detail why it is not.
- m. By seeking the issuance of the FA-RFQ, is it reasonable for one to reach the impression that Hinojosa could improperly influence Gonzalez in the performance of his official duties? If not, please state in detail why it is not.
- n. By seeking the issuance of the FA-RFQ, is it reasonable for one to reach the impression that you unduly influenced by kinship, rank, position or influence Gonzalez? If not, please state in detail why it is not.
- o. By seeking the issuance of the FA-RFQ, is it reasonable for one to reach the impression that you were unduly influenced by kinship, rank, position or influence of Hinojosa? If not, please state in detail why it is not.
- p. By seeking the issuance of the FA-RFQ, is it reasonable for one to reach the impression that you could unduly enjoy the favor of Gonzalez in the performance of his official duties? If not, please state in detail why it is not.
- q. By seeking the issuance of the FA-RFQ, is it reasonable for one to reach the impression that Hinojosa could unduly enjoy your favor in the performance of your official duties? If not, please state in detail why it is not.
- r. By seeking the issuance of the FA-RFQ did you utilize city resources or by omission allow city resources to be utilized for the personal benefit of either yourself or Hinojosa? If not, please state in detail why not.
- s. By seeking the issuance of the FA-RFQ did you utilize city resources or by omission allow city resources to be utilized for the personal benefit of any other person or entity? If not, please state in detail why not.
- t. By introducing Hinojosa to executives with the Public Services Board, did you utilize city resources or by omission allow city resources to be utilized for the personal benefit of any other person or entity? If not, please state in detail why not.

2. Resurfacing Streets in Dist. Two:

- a. Did you have any communication (conversations, emails, text messages, telephone calls, etc.) with Gonzalez pertaining to any modifications of the City of El Paso Street Infrastructure Capital Plan of FY 2013 (the "Resurfacing Plan")? If so, please describe in detail those communications.
- b. Did you have any communication (conversations, emails, text messages, telephone calls, etc.) with any member of the public to discuss any modifications of or additions to the Resurfacing Plan? If so, please describe in detail those communications.
- c. Did you instruct Gonzalez to modify or add streets to the Resurfacing Plan?
- d. Were you aware of any obligation to return to City Council for approval of modifications of or additions to the Resurfacing Plan?
- e. Why did you choose not to obtain City Council approval to the modifications or additions that you proposed to the Resurfacing Plan?
- f. Did you consult with anyone, including but not restricted to City Manager Gonzalez, about the Resurfacing Plan and your proposed changes/additions to the Resurfacing Plan?
- g. Were there communications between yourself and Gonzalez regarding the modifications or additions to the Resurfacing Plan?
- h. Did you take into consideration that, by adding unlisted streets to the Resurfacing Plan for Dist. Two, streets that were higher on the Pavement Condition Index would not be resurfaced for lack of funding?
- i. If you perceived that you had the authority to modify the Resurfacing Plan as it pertained to Dist. Two, please identify the source of that perception and describe in detail the basis for same.
- k. By adding streets to the Resurfacing Plan without Council approval, is it reasonable for one to reach the impression that you could improperly influence Gonzalez in the performance of his official duties? If not, please state in detail why it is not.
- l. By adding streets to the Resurfacing Plan without Council approval, is it reasonable for one to reach the impression that you could unduly enjoy Gonzalez's favor in the performance of his official duties? If not, please state in detail why it is not.
- m. Is there any basis for concluding that you deliberately thwarted the execution of a city ordinance, rule, regulation or official city program with respect to the decision to add streets to the Resurfacing Plan without Council approval? If not, please state in detail why there is not.

- n. Is there any basis for concluding that you recklessly disregarded an applicable policy or procedure by authorizing the modifications to the Resurfacing Plan without City Council approval? If not, please state in detail why not?
- o. Do you believe that the Resurfacing Plan provides for the re-paving of an already paved alleyway? If so, please explain in detail the basis for your belief.

3. Installation of the Stanton Street Speed Cushions:

- a. When and how did you first become aware of a request for the installation of the Stanton Street Speed Cushions (the “Speed Cushions”)? Please state in detail what action you took upon becoming aware of the request?
- b. Identify each member of the public with whom you had any communication (conversations, emails, text messages, telephone calls, etc.) pertaining to the installation of Speed Cushions? Describe in detail those communications.
- c. Did you have any communication (conversations, emails, text messages, telephone calls, etc.) with anyone on City Council pertaining to the installation of the Speed Cushions? If so, please describe in detail those communications.
- d. Did you have any communication (conversations, emails, text messages, telephone calls, etc.) with Gonzalez pertaining to the installation of the Speed Cushions? If so, please describe in detail those communications.
- e. Describe in detail any input, advice, or direction you provided to Gonzalez or the City’s Streets and Maintenance Department pertaining to the process that should have been undertaken by the City before the decision was made to install the Speed Cushions.
- f. Did you have any communication with Gonzalez regarding paying for the Speed Cushions with NTMP funds?
- g. Did the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (“NTMP”) permit the installation of the Speed Cushions?
- h. As it pertains to the Speed Cushions, were there any steps undertaken to fulfill the obligation in the NTMP, including compliance with what is identified therein as the “NTMP Process” and/or the “NTMP Implementation?” Please state in detail why or why not.
- i. Were you aware prior to the installation of the Speed Cushions of any engineering criteria established by the NTMP that would permit the installation of the Speed Cushions? If so, please state how you were aware?
- j. When and how did you first become aware that the installation of the Speed Cushions on an arterial street such as Stanton Street was not permitted by the terms of the NTMP?

Please state in detail what action you took once you became aware of the limitations imposed by the NTMP?

- k. Once you became aware that the terms of the NTMP did not permit the installation of the Street Cushions on Stanton Street, did you nevertheless direct that the project proceed and that they be installed? To whom was that direction given?
- l. If you believed that the Speed Cushions were not paid for with NTMP funds, with whom did you consult and what documentation did you review to reach that conclusion?
- m. Once you became aware that the Speed Cushions were paid for with NTMP funds, please state in detail what action you took.
- n. Upon whose direction was there a reallocation of the expenditure from NTMP funding to the general fund? What knowledge or input did you have into that decision?
- o. By requesting the installation of the Street Cushions, is it reasonable for one to reach the impression that you could improperly influence Gonzalez in the performance of his official duties? If not, state in detail why it is not.
- p. By requesting the installation of the Street Cushions, is it reasonable for one to reach the impression that you could unduly enjoy Gonzalez's favor in the performance of his official duties? If not, state in detail why it is not.

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QUESTIONS TO TOMMY GONZALEZ

I. RFQ for Financial Advisor:

- a. Did you have any communication (conversations, emails, text messages, telephone calls, etc.) with anyone on City Council, including but not limited to Rep. Romero, pertaining to issuing an RFQ for a new financial advisor (the “FA-RFQ”) before or after the July 22, 2014 budget hearing? If so, please describe in detail those communications.
- b. Did you have any communication (conversations, emails, text messages, telephone calls, etc.) with anyone on your senior staff, to discuss issuing an FA-RFQ before or after the July 2014 budget hearing? If so, please describe in detail those communications.
- c. What gave you the impression that either you or Representative Romero had the “concurrence by majority of council” (as opposed to solely Rep. Romero) to issue the FA-RFQ? Did you re-listen to that that portion of the City Council meeting where Rep. Romero proposed issuing a FA-RFQ to determine whether his remarks were generally approved by City Council?
- d. Was it your impression and/or belief that you could/can proceed to issue a request for qualifications at the request of a single city council representative?
- e. Did you have any communication (conversations, emails, text messages, telephone calls, etc.) with Estrada Hinojosa, including but not limited to Noe Hinojosa (hereinafter collectively “Hinojosa”) pertaining to issuing an RFQ for a new financial advisor (the “FA-RFQ”)? If so, please describe in detail those communications.
- f. Did you have any communication (conversations, emails, text messages, telephone calls, etc.) with Hinojosa pertaining to the language or terminology to be included in the FA-RFQ? If so, please describe in detail those communications.
- g. What authority do you believe you had to issue the FA-RFQ without full City Council authorization?
- h. Is it your understanding or belief that the FA-RFQ required City Attorney’s review before issuance? If so, why was this not done?
- i. When did you first become aware that the contract with First Southwest would have to be terminated in order to retain the services of another financial advisor?
 1. Did you believe that such termination would be for convenience or cause?
 2. What led you to reaching such a belief?
 3. When did you become aware of the applicable notice requirement for terminating First Southwest’s contract?
- j. Why did you direct the Chief Financial Officer to utilize a three- week response period when the City’s procurement policy requires a minimum of four weeks to respond to an RFQ?

Were you familiar with the procurement policy before you directed staff to require a three-week response period?

- k. Why was the City Attorney's office ultimately consulted with respect to the FA-RFQ? Whose idea was it to involve them?
- l. When did you first become aware of any prior relationship between Rep. Romero and Estrada Hinojosa? How did you learn of the prior relationship?
- m. By proceeding to issue an RFQ for financial advisor, is it reasonable for one to reach the impression that Rep. Romero could improperly influence you in the performance of your official duties? If not, please state in detail why it is not.
- n. By proceeding to issue an RFQ for financial advisor, is it reasonable for one to reach the impression that Estrada Hinojosa could improperly influence you in the performance of your official duties? If not, please state in detail why it is not.
- o. By proceeding to issue an RFQ for financial advisor, is it reasonable for one to reach the impression that you were unduly influenced by kinship, rank, position or influence of Rep. Romero? If not, please state in detail why it is not.
- p. By proceeding to issue an RFQ for financial advisor, is it reasonable for one to reach the impression that you were unduly influenced by kinship, rank, position or influence of Estrada Hinojosa? If not, please state in detail why it is not.
- q. By proceeding to issue an RFQ for financial advisor, is it reasonable for one to reach the impression that Rep. Romero could unduly enjoy your favor in the performance of your official duties? If not, please state in detail why it is not.
- r. By proceeding to issue an RFQ for financial advisor, is it reasonable for one to reach the impression that Estrada Hinojosa could unduly enjoy your favor in the performance of your official duties? If not, please state in detail why it is not.
- s. Is there any basis for concluding that you recklessly disregarded an applicable policy or procedure by initiating the FA-RFQ without explicit City Council approval? If not, please state in detail why there is not.
- t. Is there any basis for concluding that you recklessly disregarded an applicable policy or procedure by ordering that the response time for the FA-RFQ be reduced to three weeks, when the City's procurement policy requires a minimum of four weeks to respond to an RFQ? If not, please state in detail why there is not.

2. **Resurfacing Streets in District Two:**

- a. Did you have any communication (conversations, emails, text messages, telephone calls, etc.) with anyone on City Council, including but not limited to Rep. Romero, pertaining to any modifications of the City of El Paso Street Infrastructure Capital Plan of FY 2013 (the "Resurfacing Plan")? If so, please describe in detail those communications.

- b. Did you have any communication (conversations, emails, text messages, telephone calls, etc.) with anyone on your senior staff, to discuss any modifications of the Resurfacing Plan? If so, please describe in detail those communications.
- c. Why did you permit Rep. Romero to modify the Resurfacing Plan?
- d. Did you believe that you were obligated to return to City Council for approval of modifications to the Resurfacing Plan? If not, please explain why not.
- e. Why did you choose not to obtain City Council approval to the modifications to the Resurfacing Plan prior to the commencement of work?
- f. Did you personally observe the modifications made to the Resurfacing Plan by Representative Romero?
- g. Did you consult with anyone, including but not restricted to Rep. Romero, about the Resurfacing Plan and his proposed changes to the Resurfacing Plan?
- h. Were there communications between yourself and Rep. Romero or his staff regarding the modifications to the Resurfacing Plan?
- i. Did you take into consideration that, by adding unlisted streets to the Resurfacing Plan for Dist. Two, streets for which the Pavement Condition Index rating indicated a greater need would not be resurfaced for lack of funding? Do you believe that the Resurfacing Plan allows Plan funds to be spent on re-paving an already paved alleyway?
- j. If you perceived that you and your senior staff had the authority to modify the Resurfacing Plan by adding streets, please identify the source of that perception and describe in detail the basis for same.
- k. By expending Plan funds on streets not within the Resurfacing Plan, is it reasonable for one to reach the impression that Rep. Romero could improperly influence you in the performance of your official duties? If not, please state in detail why it is not.
- l. By expending Plan funds on streets not within the Resurfacing Plan, is it reasonable for one to reach the impression that Rep. Romero could unduly enjoy your favor in the performance of your official duties? If not, please state in detail why it is not.
- m. Is there any basis for concluding that you deliberately thwarted the execution of a city ordinance, rule, regulation or official city program with respect to expend Plan funds on streets not listed within the Resurfacing Plan? If not, please state in detail why there is not.
- n. Is there any basis for concluding that you recklessly disregarded an applicable policy or procedure by expending Plan funds on streets not within the Resurfacing Plan? If not, please state in detail why there is not.

3. **Installation of the Stanton Street Speed Cushions:**

- a. Did you have any communication (conversations, emails, text messages, telephone calls, etc.) with anyone on City Council, including but not limited to Rep. Romero, pertaining to the installation of the Stanton Street Speed Cushions (the “Speed Cushions”)? If so, please describe in detail those communications.
- b. Did you have any communication (conversations, emails, text messages, telephone calls, etc.) with any member of the public pertaining to the installation of Speed Cushions? If so, please describe in detail those communications.
- c. When and how did you first become aware of a request for the installation of the Speed Cushions? Please state in detail what action you took upon becoming aware of the request?
- d. Describe in detail the process undertaken by the City before the decision was made to install the Speed Cushions.
- e. Who directed that the Speed Cushions be paid for with NTMP funds?
- f. Did the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (“NTMP”) permit the installation of the Speed Cushions on the relevant section of Stanton Street?
- g. As it pertains to the Speed Cushions, were there any steps undertaken to fulfill the obligation in the NTMP, including compliance with what is identified therein as the “NTMP Process” and/or the “NTMP Implementation?” Please state in detail why or why not.
- h. Were you aware prior to the installation of the Speed Cushions of any engineering criteria established by the NTMP that would permit the installation of the Speed Cushions? If so, please state how you were aware?
- i. When and how did you first become aware that the installation of the Speed Cushions on an arterial street such as Stanton Street was not permitted by the terms of the NTMP? Did Fred Lopez and/or Irene Ramirez review a memorandum drafted by Ted Marquez with you? Please state in detail what action you took once you became aware of the limitations imposed by the NTMP?
- j. Once you became aware that the terms of the NTMP did not permit the installation of the Street Cushions on Stanton Street, did you nevertheless direct that the project proceed and that they be installed? To whom was that direction given?
- k. If you believed that the Speed Cushions were not paid for with NTMP funds, with whom did you consult and what documentation did you review to reach that conclusion?
- l. Once you became aware that the Speed Cushions were paid for with NTMP funds, please state in detail what action you took.

- m. Upon whose direction was there a reallocation of the expenditure from NTMP funding to the general fund?
- n. By directing the installation of the Street Cushions, is it reasonable for one to reach the impression that Rep. Romero could improperly influence you in the performance of your official duties? If not, state in detail why it is not.
- o. By permitting the installation of the Street Cushions, is it reasonable for one to reach the impression that Rep. Romero could unduly enjoy your favor in the performance of your official duties? If not, state in detail why it is not.
- p. By permitting the installation of the Street Cushions, is it reasonable for one to reach the impression that you were unduly influenced to permit the installation of the Street Cushions by kinship, rank, position or influence of Rep. Romero? If not, state in detail why it is not.
- q. By permitting the installation of the Street Cushions, is it reasonable to conclude that you knowingly and deliberately thwarted the execution of the achievement of official city programs, to wit: the "NTMP and the resolution of March 23, 2008 adopting the NTMP"? If not, please state in detail why it is not.
- r. By permitting the installation of the Street Cushions, is it reasonable to conclude that you knowingly performed an act in order to deliberately thwart the execution of the one or more City rules and regulations and/or achievement of official city programs? If not, please state in detail why it is not.
- s. By permitting the installation of the Street Cushions, is there any basis for concluding that you recklessly disregarded established practices or policies, more particularly the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program ("NTMP" and the resolution of March 23, 2008 adopting the NTMP"), relating to your duties? If not, please state in detail why there is not.

January 25, 2016

Sent Via First Class Mail and Electronic Mail

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Re: Sworn Complaints filed with the City of El Paso Ethics Commission

Mr. Hinojosa:

Our firm has been retained by the City of El Paso Ethics Commission (“the Commission”) to provide legal counsel to the Commission as it considers sworn complaints filed by Mr. Jim Tolbert (“the complaint”) against Tommy Gonzalez and Larry Romero. The Commission believes that you may have evidence or information that will be helpful to the Commission as it processes the sworn complaints. To that end, the Commission has directed me to attempt to schedule an interview with you to discuss the charges in the complaints. Subject to your cooperation, we envision a meeting involving me, Ethics Commissioner Stuart Schwartz, yourself, and, if you so choose, your own legal representative. We are happy to come to your office for your convenience.

Please let me know if you are willing to visit and I will prepare a list of questions and requests for documents to facilitate an efficient meeting.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. Feel free to contact me with any questions.



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cc: City of El Paso Ethics Commission

Lisa Parker

From: Ross Fischer
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2016 10:13 AM
To: Lisa Parker
Subject: FW: Pls call me

-----Original Message-----

From: Daniel Hagood [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 3:04 PM
To: Ross Fischer [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Pls call me

Thanks Ross

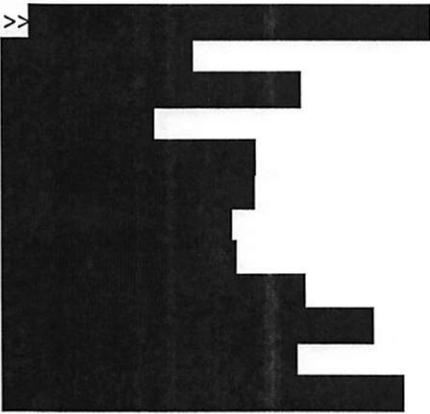
I will get back to you later this week
Regards
Dan

Daniel K. Hagood, P.C.

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> On Feb 1, 2016, at 1:17 PM, "Ross Fischer" [REDACTED] wrote:
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> Mr. Hagood,
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> Attached are the questions that the El Paso Ethics Commission would like for Mr. Hinojosa to answer.
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> Thank you,
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> Ross Fischer
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Questions for Noe Hinojosa

Past Business Relationship

When was the last date that Larry Romero was compensated by Estrada Hinojosa?

Provision of Benefits

Have you, or Estrada Hinojosa, provided any benefit, gift, meal, travel, or entertainment to Larry Romero (or a member of his immediate family) since his election to the El Paso City Council? If so, please provide a description of the benefit and the general timeframe during which it was conveyed.

Have you, or Estrada Hinojosa, provided any benefit, gift, meal, travel, or entertainment to Tommy Gonzalez (or a member of his immediate family) since his appointment as City Manager of El Paso? If so, please provide a description of the benefit and the general timeframe during which it was conveyed.

Have you, or Estrada Hinojosa, provided any benefit, gift, meal, travel, or entertainment to any member of the El Paso City Council (or a member of a city representative's immediate family) since May 2013? If so, please provide a description of the benefit and the general timeframe during which it was conveyed?

Have you, or Estrada Hinojosa, ever made a monetary contribution to, or sponsored an event hosted by, the Quality Texas Foundation? If so, please provide the date and amount of the contribution, donation, or sponsorship.

Communications

For the period beginning January 2013 to the present, did you communicate (via telephone, email, or text message) with Larry Romero regarding the provision of financial adviser services to the City of El Paso?

Did you place a phone call to then-City Chief Financial Officer Carmen Arrieta-Candelaria in 2013 in which you indicated that you (or the firm of Estrada Hinojosa) would be the City of El Paso's new financial adviser?

For the period beginning June 2014, did you communicate (via telephone, email or text message) with Tommy Gonzalez regarding the provision of financial adviser services to the City of El Paso?

How did you learn that the City of El Paso was soliciting qualifications for a new financial adviser?

How did you learn that a sworn complaint had been filed against Representative Romero and Mr. Gonzalez pertaining to the 2015 RFQ for financial advisers? What actions did you take as a result?