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Sent: Saturday, September 20, 2025 12:16 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Agenda item 9b, code of conduct violation

Dear council,

As a former council member I know how vulnerable one can feel both in our community and on the Dais. Especially being a woman.

I was subject to outbursts at times. I was subject to people calling my home, ranting about a vote I made, and even threatening me.

I feel a certain amount of shell-hardening needs to come with a public office.

I can't for the life of me see how a council candidate asking where another candidate lives is even close to the kind of behavior that would precipitate a council member calling out a citizen by name at a public meeting.

There should be some real proof that this person actually harassed or intimidated this council member.

If there is not, I encourage you to sensor the council member in order to encourage elected officials be truthful and tone down public discourse.

Thank you,
Gayle Ortiz