

PUBLIC CENSURE HEARING TO  
REVIEW THE CENSURE AD HOC  
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION,  
CONSIDER EVIDENCE AND  
TESTIMONY, AND DETERMINE IF  
CENSURE IS WARRANTED

April 15, 2025



Complaint by Councilmember Padilla and Vice Mayor Lee was filed with the City Clerk requesting a Censure Hearing regarding alleged violation of Council Policies 3.13 and 4.07 by Councilmember Villapudua

21 Jan. 2025

Censure Ad-Hoc Committee considered evidence, had discussion, and decided there was enough information to support a censure hearing. Member Enríquez was appointed to draft the report and recommendation.

25 Feb. 2025

Councilmember Villapudua was notified of the hearing and provided a copy of the Ad Hoc report and recommendation.

25 Mar. 2025

4 Feb. 2025

During the Council meeting there was no vote to stop the process, and the Censure Ad-Hoc Committee was created with the Mayor naming the members

24 Mar. 2025

The report and recommendation of the Censure Ad-Hoc Committee was received by the City Clerk.

# Censure Process

# Public Censure Hearing

- ▶ The member must be given the opportunity to be heard during the hearing, including the opportunity to refute evidence.
- ▶ The member shall not participate in the City Council's deliberations after the public hearing is closed or in any vote by the City Council on the proposed censure.
- ▶ Council should:
  - ▶ Review the Ad Hoc recommendation
  - ▶ Consider evidence and testimony
  - ▶ Determine if Censure is warranted

# Council Policy

## 4.08 - Council Censure

- ▶ *“A City Council decision to censure requires the adoption of a Resolution with appropriate findings. Findings must be based on substantial evidence that the member has engaged in conduct that violates a law, regulation, City policy, or the City Code of Ethics. The issuance of a resolution of censure requires a majority vote of the City Council.”*

# Council Policy 3.13 - Councilmember and Commissioner Conduct Policy

<https://ecode360.com/ST5019/laws/LF2161055.pdf>

# Council Policy

## 4.07 - Decorum

<https://ecode360.com/43728010#43728010>

## Video Link

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1314520393306514>



# Questions