

August 12, 2016

Jodi Remke, Chair
Maria Audero, Commissioner
Patricia Wynne, Commissioner
Eric Casher, Commissioner
Gavin Wasserman, Commissioner

Dear Madam Chair and Commissioners,

I write to urge you to move forward with the Default Decision and Order "In the Matter of Tina Baca Del Rio, friends of Tina Baca Del Rio and Tina Baca Del Rio for Commerce City Council 2013," FPPC Case No. 12/832.

The facts of the violation have been investigated and presented to you.

Tina Baca Del Rio has repeatedly abused her position on the Commerce City Council.

We the residents of the City of Commerce have been complaining about Tina Baca Del Rio abusing the city car use policy for years. She only stopped violating the policy when Brian Hews of Hews Media News wrote a few of newspaper articles on her misuse of city vehicles, which led Tina Baca Del Rio and her colleagues on the city council to pass a \$500 a month car allowance and a cell phone bill allowance. However, Tina Baca Del Rio continued her misuse of the city vehicle policy while collecting the \$500 a month car allowance, in essence double dipping, until additional newspaper articles were published. Keep in mind, The City of Commerce is only 6.2 square miles.

In addition, the City Clerk who originally reported this problem to you (the FPPC) was forced to retire. Shortly thereafter, so was the Deputy City Clerk. Both were long time City of Commerce employees.

In your previous settlement agreement with Tina Baca Del Rio of April 2011 for Campaign Reporting Violations (FPPC No. 8/423) for \$26,000, we the people did not get any disclosure on her campaign contributors, which raised questions on the many projects she voted on, was Tina Baca Del Rio voting in favor of her campaign contributors?

When will we the people know or get disclosure on who is paying this large amount of money for these new fines? Most of us do not have \$55,000 dollars just sitting around the house nor can pull \$55,000 together in about 30 days.

Tina Baca Del Rio has displayed a history of blaming someone else for her mistakes or makes herself out to be the victim. She can produce tears on request.

Will the FPPC make a recommendation to the DA's office to pursue criminal proceeding against Tina Baca Del Rio for illegally using campaign fund for personal use?

I am sharing this with you to demonstrate that Tina Baca Del Rio has exhibited a constant pattern of abuse of her authority.

Once again, I urge you to move forward with the Default Decision and Order and help stop this ongoing pattern of abuse and disregard for the law. Tina Baca Del Rio is making a mockery of the system.

Sincerely,