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Memorandum

Office of the City Attorney

DATE: November 11, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Chair of Equity and Human Relations Commission, Alyssa Gutierrez

FROM: Taylor M. Anderson, Deputy City Attorney

SUBJECT: Conduct of Commissioner Keyona Montgomery

On November 8, 2022, the City Attorney's Office received a complaint regarding the conduct of Commissioner Keyona Montgomery of the City's Equity and Human Relations Commission. One of the duties of the Equity and Human Relations Commission is to furnish the opportunity for the promotion and encouragement of positive human relations among community members, groups, and institutions and to consider, promote and develop programs for the reduction of tension, conflict, or violence which may arise from intolerance, prejudice and discrimination based upon race, religion, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, or mental or physical disability.

Commissioner Montgomery threatened a member of the public in a forum on Facebook stating "See you post Election Day in my post when Rex wins. Keep your comments chill bc I've heard that you folks are going on a list. Xoxo." This comment by Commissioner Montgomery suggests political hits and paybacks if others do not vote for the candidate she supports. A copy of the message is included as Attachment 1.

Options available to the Equity and Human Relations Commission to address Commissioner Montgomery's conduct include:

- Censuring her conduct.
- Requesting the Commissioner resign, understanding that only the City Council may remove a Commissioner.
- Request that the actions are referred to the City Council for review and possible removal.

Pursuant to Long Beach Municipal Code section 2.18.050.F.2, the City Council may remove a Commissioner by a majority vote of all members of the City Council for incompetence, malfeasance, misfeasance, neglect of duty, or conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions.

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Attachment

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ATTACHMENT 1



Keyona Montgomery Author

Ashley Duvall Bradney Girl, you can't see it and that's okay but it's alive and well. See you post Election Day in my post when Rex wins. Keep your comments chill bc I've heard that you folks are going on a list. Xoxo