

Downey Police Department

Call For Service Detail Report - CFS 441

Address	9200 LAKEWOOD BLVD, Downey		
Common Name	RALPHS 9200 LAKEWOOD		
Custom Layer		Census Tract	
Beat	4	Quadrant	
Caller Name	FROMETA, CLAUDIA	Caller Phone	396-1989
Create Date	10/25/2022 10:44:12 PM	Clear Date	10/25/2022 11:26:14 PM
		District	0602
		Call Taker	mruiz2
		Nature Of Call	

Agencies

Call Type	Status	Priority	Dispatcher	Created Date
415 CUSTOMER	In Progress	High	mruiz2	10/25/2022 10:44:12 PM

Call Narrative

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10:46:56 PM	RP A CB WITH DISPO	Ruiz2,Maribel		DPD-CAD4
10:45:37 PM	RP IS CITY COUNCILMEMBER , SAYING MALE IS BEING INTRUSIVE WITH CUSTOMERS	Ruiz2,Maribel		DPD-CAD4
10:45:03 PM	M H, GRY SUIT,	Ruiz2,Maribel		DPD-CAD4
10:44:42 PM	JUAQUIN BELTRAN AT THE RALPHS HARASSING CUSTOMERS WITH CAMPAIGN FLYERS	Ruiz2,Maribel		DPD-CAD4

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Claudia Frometa, who abused her current title by using taxpayer dollars to make false claims to the Downey Police to target her political opponent while endangering community members, should resign immediately from the Downey City Council.

Earlier this week, on Tuesday October 25th, Claudia Frometa, used her title as Downey City Council Member to make a false report to the police to target me, her political opponent, as well as intimidate other members of our community. That evening I attended the City Council meeting where I made a speech during public comment. After the meeting and still wearing my suit, I went to Ralph's where I previously obtained permission from the night manager to place my flyers inside and to pass them out outside of the supermarket, an area the manager described as public. While having a lovely conversation with an incredible community member, a 70-year old doctor with a background in public health, things changed rapidly as the current City Council member, Claudia Frometa pulled up in a white car with her husband, about 10 - 15 ft in front of us, got out of the car, and charged towards us falsely claiming that I did not have permission to be here and that she is calling the police. I responded that I do have permission and suggested, "please focus on your own campaign and not my campaign." The current city council member, Claudia Frometa, then grabbed my shoulder while

saying, "I don't believe you," and told me that she is calling the police. She then went inside the store and, according to store employees, intimidated the manager to remove my flyers. I remained outside the whole time with the community member as we were both in shock by Claudia Frometa's aggression. She came back out and physically grabbed my shoulder again and told me I wasn't allowed to be out here and I said, "don't touch me." The manager came out while holding my flyers that Claudia Frometa had intimidated him to remove, and the manager told her it was a public space and anyone can be out here. The manager continued to tell her that I am very respectful to everyone and no one had ever complained. I told Claudia Frometa, in response to the manager saying this, "goodbye," so as to end the interaction and she left.

In the police report, it shows that Claudia Frometa called police using her title as council member to place a false report. The description she used was 'Male Hispanic (M-H), Joaquin Beltran' and the report shows she made false claims about what was happening, instigating a 'High' priority on the call which is reserved for what the police department identifies as, "The highest priority calls are those in which the physical well-being of a person is in jeopardy."

Five police cars came by according to staff members inside of Ralphs and three police units ended up staying (the first police unit came five minutes after the call and the police report confirms 5 total officers arrived at scene). The community member, the manager, and myself were talking after Claudia Frometa left and saw the three police car units keeping an eye on us and I suggested to the manager that we go over and speak with them — we did just that and the community member joined us. The

manager shared with police that no one had complained, that I conducted myself well with every one, and that this is a public space and that anyone could actually be out here. The community member

also demonstrated to police the aggressive harassment she witnessed from Mrs. Frometa. She

emphasized to the police that Frometa grabbed me forcefully twice. The police officers confirmed that I had done nothing wrong and in response I said, "Isn't it wild that a sitting council member called the police on her political opponent in this election? That is an abuse of power... she called the police with a false report on a Latino male... with you police looking for something wrong happening... putting me at risk." I am lucky I had the community member doctor there to see the whole thing as well as the

staff members at Ralph's, some of whom I've known for almost thirty years and who I consider friends as this is my local supermarket. Even new staff members I didn't know came up to me afterward and told me how shocked and disturbed they were by Claudia Frometa's aggressive behavior. One of the staff members said he thinks the police were likely confused when they showed up, "he's in a suit,

what do we do now?"

Claudia Frometa has proven herself to abuse her position as a city council member by wasting tax payer dollars on resources for false claims to bully and endanger an opponent and other community members. Not only is she abusing her title, wasting tax payer dollars and community resources, and bullying community members, but she is also clearly lying to the residents of our city when she falsely claimed in a local newspaper that she called police, "only to verify the legality of Beltran's

campaigning at Ralph's," but it's clear from the actual police report that is not why she called the police at all. She has instigated a 'High' priority call as a 'city council member' Within the article she also provided a picture to the local newspaper of myself from a few days before at Ralph's claiming it was from a community member when the truth is it was actually a photograph taken by her own husband, Nolveris Frometa, on his cell phone who had followed me that evening and was trying to record me obscurely.

Claudia Frometa is lying to the public and the truth is in the police report where it shows she, herself, made the call using the title as 'council member' to instigate a 'High' priority call. The police report shows she used her title as 'council member,' it shows she identified 'Joaquin Beltran' on the call as 'Male Hispanic (M.H);' the report shows she made false claims about what was happening as police issued a *High priority* which is reserved for, "*The highest priority calls are those in which the physical well-being of a person is in jeopardy,*" and the Call Type as *415* which is in reference to "*Unlawfully fight or challenge to fight in a public place, maliciously and willfully disturb another person by loud and unreasonable noise, or using offensive words in a public place which are likely to provoke an immediate violent reaction.*" The police on scene concluded that I had every right to be there and that nothing illegal happened, highlighting further that this was a false call made by Claudia Frometa. The truth is visible on the police report and it shows Frometa lied.

For me personally, this was traumatic and deeply disappointing to learn that that someone like Frometa is making decisions on behalf of our city. As someone who loves Downey and has been a resident for nearly 30 years, for Frometa to put myself and the community member I was with in danger is a severe abuse of power and is criminal. In a time when we've had a rise in crime in our city, for our own council member to commit a criminal act by accosting me, intimidating the Ralph's staff, and using tax payer dollars to make a false report to have police target her opponent is the greatest betrayal of a city council member. What Claudia Frometa put everyone through was a nightmare for all involved. I keep thinking about the unnecessary stress inflicted on the 70-year old woman as she was telling me how upsetting it was for her to see this type of abusive behavior from Frometa as well as the staff who had to go through all of this as one of the staff members said, "I'm on the Positively Downey page and I see her post a lot.. if she posts anything about this, I will make sure I say everything that happened tonight... she will not get away with this."

Claudia Frometa, who abused her current title to make false claims to the police while endangering community members, should be held accountable and resign immediately from the Downey City Council.

This experience only emphasizes the urgency to help our city even more now. I care about the health of our families, the health of our community, and the health of our economy so families can provide for their loved ones and achieve their dreams of getting an education, well-paying jobs, and opening their own small businesses. I will continue to keep focused on my campaign and the things that are important: health, safety, and economic growth. My campaign has always been about our families achieving the Downey Dream — it takes real leadership to identify problems, to work meaningfully to solve them, and to do the right thing — and that's what I will continue to do as a member of the Downey City Council. I will keep working hard to share my message with every resident and hear your stories and ideas to make our city better. It is clear this election is more important than ever. I hope you will support me in this campaign and vote Joaquin Beltran on your ballots. Let's achieve the Downey Dream, together.

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