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COMPLAINT

26-325 AMENDMENT

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1. PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT:

Name: Rick Hays Telephone: 850.815.0323

Address: 1056 Piney Z Plantation Rd.

City: Tallahassee County: Leon State: FL ZIP: 32311

2. PERSON AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT:

Use a separate complaint form for each person against whom you are filing a complaint.

Name: Mike Gomez Telephone:

Address: 721 Eagle View Circle

City: Tallahassee County: Leon State: FL ZIP: 32311

Title of office or position held or sought: Chair Piney Z Board of Supervisors

3. STATEMENT OF FACTS:

Please provide a full explanation of your complaint, describing the facts and the actions of the person named above and why you believe he or she violated the law, and include a statement of how you became aware of these facts. Include relevant dates and the names and addresses of people whom you believe may be witnesses. Please do not submit more than 15 pages, including this form. Please do not submit video or audio tapes, CD, DVDs, flash drives, or other electronic media; such material will not be considered part of the complaint and will be returned.

4. OATH:

I, the person bringing this complaint, do swear or affirm that the facts set forth in the foregoing complaint and attachments thereto are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE OF COMPLAINANT

STATE OF Florida

COUNTY OF Leon

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of ☑ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this 20th day of October, 20 26, by Richard Hays

(name of person making statement)

Brittany Briggs

(Signature of Notary Public)

Brittany Briggs

(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

Personally Known _____ OR Produced Identification ✓

Type of Identification Produced: Driver License

Kerne J. Stillman
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Re: Complaint No. 26-325, In re Mike Gomez

Dear Mr. Stillman,

I would like to amend my complaint, which is referenced above. Although Mr. Gomez waived his confidentiality on the case, he proceeded to introduce it during our last Community Development District (CDD) meeting held on September 28, 2026. Please see the attached agenda for the CDD meeting. At the start of the meeting, I objected to this ethics complaint being discussed. Mr. Gomez stated he was providing the documents for informational purposes. This was not what occurred.

Mr. Gomez introduced a resolution for the Board to pay the attorney's fees on certain matters. Mr. Gomez presented a hypothetical to the Board attorney about this case and asked if the attorney thought the case should be covered. Later in the meeting, Mr. Gomez, as Chairman of the Board, proceeded to argue his position on the case. I believe this constituted interfering with an investigation and influencing witnesses in the investigation. These acts may be separate ethical violations or aggravating circumstances in this case.

I would also like your office to investigate the handling of the budget under Mr. Gomez's chairmanship. According to the DBPR records, Mr. Gomez is a retired certified public accountant, license no. AC0009877. As I understand it, a board member should not wear "two hats" at the same time. The board member was elected to serve on the board and should not use his/her law, accountant, etc. license while serving as a board member. We employ a management company that has an accounting section. Mr. Gomez had reviewed the budget, along with the other Board members, during a public meeting. However, Mr. Gomez then audited and/or made changes to the budget on his own time and made changes to the budget after it had been approved by the full Board. It was the tampered budget that was then sent to Leon County for approval I can provide copies of approved budget and tampered one. Another board member raised one of these changes during the next meeting. The answer Mr. Gomez provided was not satisfactory.

I can provide video recordings for the September 28, 2026 and May 18, 2026 meetings for your review.

Sincerely yours,

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