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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS**  
STATE OF FLORIDA

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**In re: Complaint No. 26-127**

**Complainant:** Eva Jacquelyn Espinosa

**Respondent:** Janette Martinez

## **RESPONDENT'S RESPONSE AND SUPPORTING STATEMENT**

Respondent, Janette Martinez, submits this response and denies that her conduct violated the Florida Code of Ethics.

The complaint does not establish misuse of position, misuse of information, or any improper private benefit.

### **I. Request for Vendor Information Was Proper and Involved Public Record Material**

Respondent requested access to a vendor list maintained by the City. The information requested constitutes public record and is available for review.

The request was made in connection with Respondent's general interest in understanding vendor participation in City processes and procurement-related matters as part of her role as an elected official.

No special access, privilege, or confidential information was requested or obtained.

### **II. No Misuse of Position or Public Resources Occurred**

Respondent did not use her position to secure any special privilege or benefit unavailable to others.

The request for information was processed through normal City channels, and staff responded in the ordinary course of business. The materials provided were not used to obtain any personal, financial, or political advantage.

### **III. Forwarding of Email Was for Administrative Convenience**

The forwarding of the vendor list to a secondary email account was done for administrative convenience and continuity of access.

Respondent has experienced ongoing issues with her City email and has, as a matter of routine practice, forwarded certain emails to ensure accessibility and timely review. This practice has been communicated to City administration.

The forwarding of the email did not result in any misuse of information.

#### **IV. No Use of Vendor Information for Private, Political, or Financial Purposes**

The vendor list had no relevance to any personal, political, or financial activity of Respondent and was not used for any such purpose.

Respondent did not contact, solicit, or engage any vendor listed. No benefit was derived from the information, and no action was taken that would create coercion, pressure, or preferential treatment.

#### **V. Complaint Does Not Establish a Violation**

The complaint relies on assumptions regarding intent rather than evidence of actual misuse.

There is no evidence that Respondent used public resources or information for private gain, misused confidential information, or engaged in any conduct prohibited under Florida ethics law.

#### **VI. Request for Dismissal**

For these reasons, Respondent respectfully requests a finding of **no probable cause**, dismissal of Complaint No. 26-127, and such further relief as may be appropriate.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Janette Martinez, Respondent**

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