



City of Phoenix

July 22, 2026

Tamara Weaver

Sent Via: Email – [REDACTED]

RE: Dismissal of Ethics Inquiry EC-25-01

Dear Tammy Weaver:

I am writing to formally notify you that the Ethics Commission ("Commission") met on July 16, 2026, regarding Ethics Inquiry EC-25-01 ("Ethics Inquiry"). Based upon procedural and jurisdictional issues, the Commission dismissed the Ethics Inquiry, without conducting a full investigation.

During the November 20, 2025, meeting, the Commission requested you submit information to comply with the City Code and Commission Rules, which state that ethics inquiries be notarized and acknowledge the possibility of sanctions. Although you did not submit the requested information, the Commission accepted jurisdiction of the Ethics Inquiry on December 18, 2025.

Thereafter, on July 16, 2026, in accordance Phoenix City Code 2-53 and the Commission Rules, after procedural and jurisdictional consideration of the lack of notarization and attestation information, and without conducting a full investigation, the Commission dismissed the Ethics Inquiry by an affirmative vote of 4-0. Pursuant to Phoenix City Code Sec. 2-53, the dismissal of the Ethics Inquiry is not subject to review.

For additional information, please see the City of Phoenix Ethics Commission website for meeting results, minutes, and resources, including the Bylaws, Rules of Procedure, and Ordinances: www.phoenix.gov/ethics.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding regarding this matter. Should you have any questions or require additional information regarding our decision, please contact the Commission at ethics.commission@phoenix.gov for further clarification.

Sincerely,

Patricia Sallen
Ethics Commission Chair



City of Phoenix

July 22, 2026

Julie Read

Sent Via: Email – [REDACTED]

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DENISE ARCHIBALD
CITY CLERK

To: Ethics Commission
ethics.commission@phoenix.gov

Date: November 14, 2025

From: Denise Archibald
City Clerk

Subject: TRANSMITTAL OF ETHICS COMPLAINT NUMBER EC-25-01

On November 13, 2025, the City Clerk Department received the attached ethics complaint from Tamara Weaver.

Pursuant to Phoenix City Code, Section 2-53(H), I am forwarding this complaint to you, to be placed on the agenda of the Commission's next available meeting.

Enclosure: Ethics Complaint

ec: Respondent
Jeff Barton, City Manager
Lori Bays, Assistant City Manager
Alan Stephenson, Deputy City Manager
Julie Kriegh, City Attorney
Deryck Lavelle, Chief Assistant City Attorney
Hope Olguin, Deputy City Clerk

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Ethics Inquiry Number: EC - 25-01

Date Filed: 11-13-2025 (By Email)

Date Forwarded to Ethics Commission: 11-14-2025 DA

Ethics Commission Meeting Date: _____

ETHICS INQUIRY FORM

Name of Public Official Julie Read

Elected Official: ☐ Mayor

☐ Councilmember / District 1

Board / Commission Member: North Gateway Village Planning Committee
(Name of Board or Commission)

Month / Year when Conduct Occurred September 2025

Tamara Weaver

Person Filing Inquiry

Tamara Weaver

Printed Name

Mailing Address (Number, Street, Unit)

City, State, Zip

E-mail Address

Phone

Under penalty of perjury, I affirm that I am a City of Phoenix resident and that the attached statement in support of this inquiry is based on my personal knowledge of the events and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature

11-12-2025

Date

This form must be filed with the Phoenix City Clerk's Office
In person at 200 W. Washington St., 15th Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85003 OR
as an attachment to an email to: clk.director@phoenix.gov

Ethics Inquiry

From



Date Wed 11/12/2025 11:27 PM

To CLK Director Office <clk.director@phoenix.gov>; Lobbyist CLK <lobbyist@phoenix.gov>; MGR Ethics Commission <ethics.commission@phoenix.gov>

Cc Jim Waring <Jim.Waring@phoenix.gov>; Council District 2 PCC <council.district.2@phoenix.gov>; Debra W Stark <debra.stark@phoenix.gov>; Council District 3 PCC <council.district.3@phoenix.gov>; Laura Pastor <laura.pastor@phoenix.gov>; Council District 4 <council.district.4@phoenix.gov>; Betty S Guardado <betty.guardado@phoenix.gov>; Council District 5 PCC <council.district.5@phoenix.gov>; Kevin L Robinson <kevin.robinson@phoenix.gov>; Council District 6 PCC <District6@phoenix.gov>; Anna M Hernandez <Anna.Hernandez@phoenix.gov>; Council District 7 PCC <council.district.7@phoenix.gov>; Kesha Hodge Washington <kesha.hodge.washington@phoenix.gov>; Council District 8 PCC <council.district.8@phoenix.gov>; PDD North Gateway VPC <northgatewayvpc@phoenix.gov>; Adrian G Zambrano <adrian.zambrano@phoenix.gov>; Sarah Stockham <sarah.stockham@phoenix.gov>; Racelle Escolar <racelle.escolar@phoenix.gov>; Mayor Gallego <mayor.gallego@phoenix.gov>; Council District 1 PCC <council.district.1@phoenix.gov>

 4 attachments (3 MB)

BFSO Julie Read.pdf; EthicsInquiry Julie Read.pdf; Obrien 2024 12 Newsletter.pdf; Carolyn O 2025 10 21 Registration.pdf;

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City Clerk, please see attached Ethics Inquiry and supporting documentation.

Adrian/Sarah, please add to the North Park public comments file.

Rezoning Case No. Z-139-24-1 & General Plan Amendment Case Nos. GPA-NG-1-24-1 & GPA-NG 2 24 1.

Ethics Inquiry Statement - Conflict of Interest

A lobbyist made a campaign contribution to the chairperson of a committee scheduled to vote on a project represented by the donor.

Registered Lobbyist Name – Carolyn Oberholtzer of Bergin, Frakes, Smalley & Oberholtzer, PLLC

9/25/25 – Donation To Julie Read - Phoenix City Council Candidate \$250

At the time, Julie Read was the Chair of the North Gateway Village Planning Committee, Carolyn Oberholtzer was representing Pulte, the applicant on rezoning for NorthPark, Rezoning Case No. Z-139-24-1 & General Plan Amendment Case Nos. GPA-NG-1-24-1 & GPA-NG-2-24-1.

Carolyn Oberholtzer's Lobbyist registration did not reflect her representation of TSMC until October 21, 2025. However, it is now publicly known that TSMCs involvement in the project had been earlier. At both the October 6, 2025 Neighborhood meeting and the October 9, 2025 North Gateway Village Planning Committee meeting, Carolyn addressed TSMC's participation in the project.

Julie Read chaired the October 9, 2025 North Gateway Village Planning Committee meeting. At no point did either party disclose to the public the conflict of interest that arose from the September 2025 donation.

In the attached registration document from October 21, 2025, another North Gateway Village Planning Committee member (Paul Li, TSMC) is listed under Main Contact Name. This is especially noteworthy, because the section of the form states, "List all persons by whom the lobbyist is compensated to lobby and on whose behalf lobbying is performed."

Below are some excerpts from the City of Phoenix Ethics Handbook that point to expected behavior for City Representatives

CITY OF PHOENIX GIFT POLICY

(P.C.C. § 2-52(C); A.R. 2.93)

1. A gift of any value received or accepted by an employee is prohibited if the gift creates the appearance of undue influence or if the gift creates a conflict of interest.
2. A gift with a known or reasonably estimated fair market value of \$50 or less received or accepted by an employee is permissible if the gift is not otherwise prohibited by law and does not create the appearance of undue influence or a conflict of interest. A permissible gift with a known or reasonably estimated fair market value of \$50 or less does not need to be disclosed on a disclosure form, but must still be discussed with the employee's supervisor.
3. A gift with a known or reasonably estimated fair market value greater than \$50 received or accepted by an employee is permissible if the gift is not otherwise prohibited by law and does not create the appearance of undue influence or a conflict of interest. A permissible gift with a known or reasonably estimated fair market value more than \$50 must be disclosed.

DISHONESTY

(P.C.C. § 2-53(B))

Employees must be honest in all their dealings with the City, members of the public, and in their delivery of public services. This includes a responsibility to respond to questions from managers, supervisors, Human Resources' employees, and the Equal Opportunity Department in an honest, complete, and forthright manner.

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CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR

(P.C.C. § 2-52(B))

Employees are expected to follow all federal, state, and local laws. Employees must disclose any law enforcement contacts, other than routine traffic stops, to their supervisor no later than the beginning of their next regularly scheduled shift. A DUI stop is not a routine traffic stop and must be disclosed.

Employees who engage in conduct on or off duty that constitutes a misdemeanor or felony or results in a misdemeanor or felony conviction may be subject to discipline up to and including dismissal.

"Ask Yourself"

Does this comply with the City's values of Integrity, Transparency, and Consistent Professionalism?

The City of Phoenix demands the highest standards of personal integrity, truthfulness, honesty, and fairness from employees in carrying out their duties, and avoiding any improprieties in their roles as public servants.

- Beware of a gift of any value received. A gift may create the appearance of undue influence or may create a conflict of interest (examples: event tickets, charitable donations, refreshments/meals, raffles, etc.).

- Be constantly on guard against conflicts of interest. Employees should not be involved in any decision or contract that may result in a direct or indirect monetary benefit to an employee, relative, partner, or person with whom the employee is in a romantic or intimate relationship (examples: hiring a relative, disclosing information that is not generally available to the public, accepting gifts/meals from vendor or potential vendor, etc.).



Quarterly Campaign Contribution Report

Submitted 10/06/2025 2:20 PM

Quarter 3

Business Information

Business Type Organization**Address** 4343 E. Camelback
Road, Suite 210**Business Name** Bergin, Frakes, Smalley,
& Oberholtzer, PLLC**City** Phoenix**Business Telephone** (602) 888-7861**State** AZ**Zip** 85018

Summary	This Quarter
Total contributions made by lobbyist	\$250.00
Total contributions solicited by lobbyist	\$0.00
Total contributions	\$250.00

Carolyn Oberholtzer

Andrew Yancey

Fae Sowders

Quinne Daoust

Name Carolyn Oberholtzer **Email** coberholtzer@bfsolaw.com**IF NO CONTRIBUTIONS WERE MADE
BY THIS LOBBYIST IN THIS QUARTER,
PLEASE LEAVE FIELDS BELOW BLANK.**

Date	City Official Receiving Contribution	Amount of Contribution
9/25/2025	Julie Read - Phoenix City Council Candidate	\$250.00
Total Contributions Made		\$250.00

Date	Name and Address of Contributor	Occupation and Employer of Contributor	City Official Receiving Contribution	Amount of Contribution
Total Contributions Solicited				\$0.00

Total Contributions \$250.00

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Annual Lobbyist Registration

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Business Information

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& Oberholtzer, PLLC**Business Telephone** (602) 888-7861**Address** 4343 E. Camelback
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List CEO, ALL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WHO LOBBY and their positions with organization. Organization MUST NOTIFY IN WRITING all lobbyists it registers. Officers and employees do not need to register separately.

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List all persons by whom the lobbyist is compensated to lobby and on whose behalf lobbying is performed.

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December 1st, 2024

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Message from Councilwoman Ann O'Brien

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday spent with friends and family! I was able to get out of the Valley and up to the mountains to spend the holiday with my family and granddaughter. I'm thankful for my family and for the opportunity to get to serve every single one of you and for getting the honor to continue to serve you for the next four years!

This past week may have been a shortened work week due to the Holiday, but I still managed to pack a lot of meetings and events into it! Over the past weekend, I embarked on my first weekend for the Rodel Fellowship program that I was invited to join this year. The Rodel Fellowship is a renowned development program for American political leaders which selects 24 state and local-level bipartisan elected officials from across the Country to participate in a two-year-long seminar program. The Rodel program helps America's most promising leaders reach their full potential as public servants, deepen their commitment to democracy and the rule of law, and work together to address some of our nation's most important domestic and international challenges. I'm honored to have been selected for this cohort as

previous cohorts have included prominent Arizona political figures like Mayor Kate Gallego, County Supervisor Bill Gates, former Governor Doug Ducey, and Senator Kyrsten Sinema.

On Monday, I chaired the Economic Development and Housing Subcommittee where we discussed the Phoenix Film Office and the recent tax credits approved by the State Legislature related to filming and what impact we may see moving forward. I'm sure everyone knows about Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure having been filmed at the old Metrocenter Mall, but did you know many other movies, such as Transformers 5, were filmed here in Phoenix? Even Disney couldn't deny the allure of Phoenix when they filmed their Disney+ Christmas classic, Noelle, at Desert Ridge and on our lightrail line. Between 2006 and 2010, under the old tax incentive, Phoenix saw an economic impact of over \$30 million! I continue to be hopeful that Phoenix will become the next Atlanta or New Mexico where the big studios are looking to film their productions here, as opposed to California. There are some more things on the horizon, and I cannot wait to keep you all in the loop!

On Tuesday, I had back-to-back briefings all morning. At the rate I've been taking meetings, I figure I might just have maintenance install a revolving door! My first briefing of the morning was with the Aviation Department as we discussed their preparations for the upcoming holiday travel and continued plans for expansion of the airport. Additionally, I discussed with them the concerns brought forward to me by the pre-security concessionaires and their worry about being able to stay open when most people will wait to eat until they are through security. I suggested we start looking at events where we encourage folks to ride the lightrail into the airport and do a "Taste of Sky Harbor" type event encouraging people to come and try the pre-security restaurants.

Another meeting I had that morning was with the Planning Department. You may have read in the paper about the NorthPark Community by Pulte looking to build in the 6,400 acres of land just south of the 303, across from TSMC. Since my first year in office, we have been working very closely with Pulte as we plan this community. I've made it very clear from the start, I'm not looking for another traditional suburban-style neighborhood where all the commercial retail is located in one intersection and there's zero walkability. While Phoenix has great examples of thriving master-planned communities with this type of design, I'm looking for a more urban, Arcadia-like, neighborhood. This is an important development. This could bring as many as 36,000 people to North Phoenix in the next 10 years – that's half the population of Flagstaff! I want to make sure this part of Phoenix becomes one of the most desirable parts of the city to live in, and that starts with proper planning. I'm committed to rolling my sleeves up and getting into the mud to make sure this community is properly planned, designed, and coveted.

With NorthPark and Halo Vista to the north, and The Metropolitan to the south, District 1 is experiencing astronomical growth! I'm thankful to be leading these efforts and to ensure we bring back attainable and affordable housing so that our teachers, nurses, and public safety officials can live in the communities they serve. Thank you again for allowing me this opportunity!

Ann O'Brien

Councilwoman for District 1

DOJ Investigation Update

DOJ Update

- **City staff and lawyers have completed their first negotiation meeting with DOJ**

Mark Your Calendars: Community Meeting

Our next meeting will be Friday, December 6th, at the DoubleTree Hotel located at 10220 N Metro Pkwy E, Phoenix, AZ 85051. Plan for check in to begin at 7:30am and the meeting to start at 8:00am.

You can register below for the upcoming meeting! As a reminder, please fill out the form SEPARATELY for EACH member of your family planning to attend. Thank you!

[Register Here](#)

News From the City of Phoenix

Shop with a Cop

Arizona Law Enforcement Outreach and Support (AZLEOS) is a nonprofit organization founded by Cindy and Jim Hill, who also serve as co-founders, president, and vice president. Jim is a retired Scottsdale Officer who, during his patrol shifts, would often encounter families not fortunate enough to celebrate the holiday season. This prompted Jim and his fellow officers to generously work with families and donate gifts to children during the holidays. This inspired Jim and Cindy to create Shop with a Cop and involve Arizona Law Enforcement to help ensure Christmas was special for all children in our communities.