



Denver Board Of Ethics

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Re: Cases 17-32 through 17-35 – your complaints on behalf of Lisa Calderon concerning Don Mares, Regina Huerter, Del Phillips, and Louise Boris

Dear Ms. Bangert:

The Denver Board of Ethics considered in executive session on December 20, 2017 and again on January 17, 2018 and February 28, 2018 the four complaints referenced above that you filed on behalf of your client, Lisa Calderon.

In summary, you and your client alleged that the process by which the Denver Department of Human Services and the Denver Crime Prevention and Control Commission recommended, following a Request for Proposals process, that the City and County of Denver execute a contract with a partnership of three non-profit organizations to provide services to help residents of city jails re-enter society was unethical and unfair to Ms. Calderon's organization, which provided similar services for approximately ten years.

In response to your allegations, the Board's Executive Director thoroughly investigated numerous factual issues relevant to your complaints. After full discussion of the unique circumstances of these cases, the Board of Ethics is dismissing the complaints against Mr. Mares and Ms. Huerter because neither the allegations nor the facts as we understand them establish conduct that violates the Denver Code of Ethics.

As to Ms. Boris and Reverend Phillips, the Board understands Ms. Boris and Reverend Phillips recused themselves from voting on the contract recommended by the Denver Crime Prevention and Control Commission. The Board also understands, however, that Ms. Boris and Reverend Phillips had other involvement in the RFP and contract review and recommendation process. Based upon additional matters raised at the Board's February 28, 2018 executive session, the Board has identified additional factual matters warranting further investigation. The Board has directed its Executive Director to conduct a supplemental investigation before the Board's March 21, 2018 hearing, at which time the Board will again address the complaints filed against Ms. Boris and Reverend Phillips.

The Board thanks you and your client for filing these complaints for the Board to consider.

Executive Director
L. Michael Henry

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For the Board of Ethics:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick D. Tooley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Patrick D. Tooley
Chair

Copies: Lisa Calderon
Don Mares
Regina Huerter
Reverend Del Phillips
Louise Boris
Assistant City Attorney Shaun Sullivan
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