State of Arizona

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

Disposition of Complaint 22-221

Judge:

Complainant:

ORDER

The Complainant alleged a justice of the peace improperly allowed his courtroom to be used for a partian political meeting.

The role of the Commission on Judicial Conduct is to impartially determine whether a judicial officer has engaged in conduct that violates the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct or Article 6.1 of the Arizona Constitution. There must be clear and convincing evidence of such a violation in order for the Commission to take disciplinary action against a judicial officer.

The Commission reviewed all relevant available information and concluded there was not clear and convincing evidence of ethical misconduct in this matter. The Commission approved sending the judge an advisory letter regarding avoidance of the appearance of impropriety caused by permitting a partian political group to meet in his courtroom. The complaint is therefore dismissed pursuant to Commission Rules 16(b) and 23(a).

Commission members Denise K. Aguilar, Roger D. Barton, Michael J. Brown, Colleen E. Concannon, and Delia R. Neal did not participate in the consideration of this matter.

Dated: September 19, 2022

FOR THE COMMISSION

<u>/s/ Louis Frank Dominguez</u> Hon. Louis Frank Dominguez Commission Chair

Copies of this order were distributed to all appropriate persons on September 19, 2022.

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COMPLAINT AGAINST A JUDGE

Name: Judge's Name: Instructions: Use this form or plain paper of the same size to file a complaint. Describe in your own words what you believe the judge did that constitutes judicial misconduct. Be specific and list all of the names, dates, times, and places that will help the commission understand your concerns. Additional pages may be attached along with copies (not originals) of relevant court documents. Please complete one side of the paper only, and keep a copy of the complaint for your records. I have been a judge for This is the first judicial conduct complaint I have filed. On. I saw on posts by the campaigns of and containg pictures of campaign events sponsored by the group that took place in Judge courtroom. Judge nameplate was clearly visible in the

I submit that the use of court facilities - and a judge's name - for partisan political events is improper under Canons 1 and 4 of the Arizona Code of Judicial Conduct.

Love being back in the courtroom today with the

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