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HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE

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Members Present

Members Absent

Representative Chaplik, Chairman Representative Grantham, Vice-Chairman Representative Griffin Representative Longdon Representative Mathis

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January 25, 2024

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ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

INTERIM MEETING NOTICE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE

Date:

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Time:

11:00 A.M.

Place:

HHR 4

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AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- Roll Call
- 3. Ethics Matter Regarding Representative Leezah Sun
- 4. Adjournment

Members:

Representative Joseph Chaplik, Chair Representative Travis Grantham, Vice Chair Representative Gail Griffin Representative Jennifer L Longdon Representative Christopher Mathis

Pursuant to House Rule 30 and A.R.S. § 38-431.03, the committee may vote to go into executive session, which would not be open to the public, for the purpose of obtaining legal advice and providing directions to the counsel.

The Committee may recess and reconvene to the sound of the gavel or upon announcement.

This is a Rule 15 Hearing pursuant to the House Ethics Committee Rules of Procedure. It is not a judicial proceeding.

Testimony will be received by invitation of the Committee only. Other public testimony, including through the RTS system, will not be received.

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Chairman Chaplik called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM and noted Representative Sun was present. Chairman Chaplik, Vice-Chairman Grantham, Representative Griffin, Representative Longdon, and Representative Mathis were all present.

(Chairman Chaplik) In my discretion as Chairman, I have asked two witnesses to appear today. The witnesses will testify specifically about threatening comments that the complaint alleges Representative Sun made at the League of Arizona Cities Conference in Tucson about a City of Tolleson employee.

(Chairman Chaplik) As I did in our last hearing, I again want to clarify that this proceeding is not a judicial one. This is a House Ethics Committee Hearing that is governed by the Rules of Procedure for the Ethics Committee. The sole question for this committee's consideration is whether Representative Sun engaged in disorderly behavior in violation of House Rule 1. This committee will not consider any collateral issues. I further ask that the testimony today be specific to the alleged death threat made at the League of Arizona Cities Conference in Tucson.

(Chairman Chaplik) Following the order of business as outlined in the special order, I note that I have accepted two additional exhibits for the committee to consider in this matter. They are numbered in continuation of the exhibits that have already been accepted at the previous hearing regarding this complaint. They are:

- o Exhibit 13 Declaration of Elizabeth Goodman.
- o Exhibit 14 Declaration of Kayla Destiny Ruiz Davidian.

The exhibits are distributed to members of this Committee and Representative Sun.

(Chairman Chaplik) We will now proceed to questions from the Committee. Representative Sun is here without counsel. It is also noted the witnesses, Elizabeth Goodman and Kayla Destiny Ruiz Davidian are present with their counsel, Josh Grabel. Pursuant to Rule 15, Representative Sun will have the opportunity to cross-examine the witnesses if she chooses after the committee has finished asking their questions. Questions on cross-examination must be limited to the scope of the answers given to the committee's questions. Again, I will be enforcing that limitation.

Witness Q&A

Chairman Chaplik calls the first witness, Elizabeth (Liz) Goodman, Managing Principal with Husch Blackwell Strategies (HBS)

Chairman Chaplik reads the declaration (Exhibit 13) filed by Liz Goodman

Questions asked by Vice-Chairman Grantham:

- Q) I always want to hear from the person who makes the accusations. It is not a matter I take lightly; therefore I do not want to consider information by a 3rd party. I would like to know directly from you what exactly happened; short and concise, and I want to hear you say, "This is what she said to me."
 - O A) My firm (HBS) reached out to Representative Sun prior to the League of Arizona Cities Conference to discuss business my client was interested in having with the City of Tolleson. We had the meeting in the lobby of The Marriott (Tucson). This was the first time I had met Representative Sun and the meeting started like a typical professional meeting. I asked Representative Sun if she would be willing to introduce me to the Mayor or the Intergovernmental Staff of the City of Tolleson. Her response was unexpected and took us by surprise. Her response was laced with profanity about Tolleson employees, specifically about Ms. Sinwai. Representative Sun stated, "I will (explicit) slap her, throw her (Ms. Sinawi) off the balcony, and kill her".
- Q) Just for clarity, you heard her say those words?
 - o A) Yes.

Question asked by Representative Longdon:

- Q) Previously, we had heard this was a private casual conversation among friends. Would you have characterized the meeting in that way?
 - o A) Absolutely not.

Questions asked by Vice-Chairman Grantham:

- Q) What was the setting and atmosphere of the conversation?
 - o A) We were in the main lobby at the Marriot and there were several conversations around us. We here huddled on couches discussing business. The conversation began as professional, then took a dark turn when the City of Tolleson came up. Representative Sun expressed her dislike of Tolleson employees. There was no laughing after she said this, therefore, I took her comments very seriously.
- Q) Was this the first time meeting Representative Sun?
 - o A) Yes, first-time face-to-face.
- Q) Was the conference a professional or a non-professional social setting?

o A) During the day, it was strictly professional. In the evening, it was more of a social setting. Our meeting with Representative Sun was during normal business hours.

Question asked by Vice-Chairman Grantham:

- Q) Was there any chance, Representative Sun's comments were sarcastic and directed to the wrong audience?
 - o A) No, I perceived the conversation seriously.

Questions asked by Representative Griffin:

- Q) How many others were in this conversation?
 - o A There were four. Myself, Representative Sun, and two other individuals.
- Q) What happened after the comment made by Representative Sun?
 - O A) We felt uncomfortable and extradited the conversation immediately. We (myself and two other individuals) had a sidebar discussion about how strange and uncomfortable the conversation with Representative Sun was.
- Q) Have you ever experienced a similar situation in the past?
 - o A) Never. I have never experienced a legislature threaten someone.
- Q) After the conversation, who relayed what was said to Ms. Sinwai?
 - o A) I do not know; it was not me.

Questions asked by Representative Sun:

• Q) Has Representative Sun ever retaliated against you or anyone at your firm?

Chairman Chaplik restructured the question per Attorney Josh Grabel's request

- Q) Have you received any retaliation from Ms. Sun?
 - o A) No

Representative Sun continues to question:

• Q) Please list those present who heard the conversation. Did you share the information about our conversation with anyone?

Chairman Chaplik restructured the question:

• Q) Did you share the conversation with anybody else?

Attorney Josh Grabel objects to the question of having other individuals' names involved as it appears to be a way to drag the process out. In addition, it may also place others at risk. There are no reasons to involve others because we know the statement was made and it has been reiterated. Ms. Sinwai contacted Ms. Goodman and did not know how Ms. Sinwai knew about the threat.

Chairman Chaplik asked Representative Sun if there were any questions she had about Ms. Goodman's statement.

Representative Sun continued with questions:

• Q) Did you report the incident to the authorities before or after Ms. Sinwai found out about the conversation? Did Ms. Sinwai ask you to file the report?

Attorney Josh Grabel objects to the question.

Chairman Chaplik instructs Representative Sun to rephrase her question

Representative Sun asks a rephrased question:

- Q) After the conversation, did you report to any local officials or law enforcement?
 - o A) As my affidavit indicates, I did report the conversation to Lieutenant Garrett and The City of Tolleson after speaking with Ms. Sinwai, however, I was not asked to by My Sinwai. I did make an anonymous report.
- Q) Based on your testimony, you stated the conversation made you uncomfortable. How did that change to serious as indicated in your affidavit?

Attorney Josh Grabel objects to the question as unsure of the relevance. Ms. Goodman has already outlined the events that took place. Ms. Goodman is not on trial, but it appears there is an effort (by Representative Sun) to place Ms. Goodman on trial.

Chairman Chaplik reminds Representative Sun to keep her questioning relevant to the situation and may continue questioning.

Representative Sun continues with a restructured question:

• Q) Once we were done speaking, did you move on to your next client?

Chairman Chaplik asks how this question is relevant. Whether or not she moved on to business does not pertain to the situation.

Representative Sun believes it will clarify the situation.

Chairman Chaplik instructed Representative Sun to rephrase the question to see if Ms. Goodman would answer it. Reminds her to stay on the subject with the testimony today.

Representative Sun continues with a rephrased question:

• Q) Did you notify me you had another client after the meeting? Did you move on to your next client immediately?

Attorney Josh Grabel reminds the committee that the question was already answered by Ms. Goodman.

Chairman Chaplik simplifies the question:

Q) Did you continue to conduct business and go on with the rest of your day?
 A) Yes.

Questions by Ethics Committee to Representative Sun:

Question asked by Vice-Chairman Grantham:

- Q) I have asked this before; did you say the words indicated in the sworn statement by Elizabeth Goodman? I will read the statement so there is not any confusion; "Would (explicit) her, throw her over the balcony and kill her".
 - o A) I did not say "over the balcony and kill her". There was no balcony at the event.

Chairman Chaplik calls the second witness, Kayla Destiny Ruiz Davidian, Associate with Husch Blackwell Strategies (HBS)

Questions asked by Vice-Chairman Grantham:

- Q) Did you witness what was said to Ms. Goodman?
 - o A) Yes. I was present.
- Q)What was said?
 - o A) Representative Sun stated she would "(explicit) slap, throw Ms. Pilar over the balcony and (explicit) kill her".
- Q) So, (explicit) kill her or just kill her?
 - o A) She did say the "F" word.
- Q) Is the sentence in the declaration accurate or is there an extra word that was added or missing?
 - o A) I am not adding the word, I am 100% positive the "F" word was said.
- Q) To reference the declaration, at the bottom of the page, line 24, your signed statement states "would (explicit) slap her, throw her over the balcony and kill her". I am sorry to make this difficult, I want to make sure you know what you heard and what was said was accurate and you are not adding a word. Is that due to you remembering it differently in the present or the statement is wrong? I would just like clarity.
 - o A) Represent Sun did say she would (explicit) kill Ms. Pilar. The declaration filed was not the first draft. We (Attorney Josh Gabel and myself) determined the first draft was too emotional, so we corrected it (removing (explicit)).
- Q) Please do not take this the wrong way. I do not care about feelings or emotions. I want to know what was accurately said and I want to know if I can believe who is telling me "This is what she said". I am going to ask one more time, what was the statement? I want to hear what the definite threat was, word for word.
 - o A) Representative Sun stated she "would (explicit) slap Ms. Pilar, throw her over the balcony, and kill her".

- Q) Do you recall where you were in the hotel when this conversation occurred?
 - o A) We were in the main lobby.

Questions asked by Chairman Chaplik:

- Q) Was there a balcony nearby?
 - o A) Yes. There are stairs leading to the bar and pool from the main lobby.
- Q) You were on the 2nd or 3rd floor?
 - O We were on the main floor and there was a balcony on the main floor.
- Q) An inside balcony?
 - o A) Yes, an inside balcony.
- Q) How high was the balcony?
 - o A) There were two flights of stairs. I assume at least 20 ft.
- Q) High enough to fall off and cause injury?
 - o Yes.

Question asked by Representative Griffin:

- Q) What was Representative Sun's demeanor? Was Representative Sun's comment jest or was she serious when she spoke the words of threat?
 - o A) I took it as a serious threat. This was my first professional encounter with Representative Sun, and I understood it as a threat.

Question asked by Representative Longdon:

- Q) Was this a professional setting or a casual setting?
 - o During the conversation, it was a professional setting.

Questions asked by Chairman Chaplik:

- Q) Was Ms. Pilar at the League of Arizona Cities Conference when the threat was made?
 A) No.
- Q) Did Representative Sun provide a disclaimer after her statement? Did she indicate she was joking or offer an apology?
 - O Not that I can recall nor was there an apology.

Question asked by Representative Sun:

- Q) Did I express any displeasure with the City of Tolleson leadership in the meeting?
 - O Yes, it was mentioned the dislike of the employees.

Question asked by Representative Longdon:

• Q) Ms. Goodman stated the meeting ended quickly. Can you describe how the meeting ended?

o A) Ms. Goodman stiffened after the comment by Representative Sun. We wrapped up the meeting quickly and later discussed how strange and uncomfortable the conversation made us. We further decided we never wanted to meet with Representative Sun again.

Questions by Ethics Committee to Representative Sun:

Questions asked by Representative Griffin:

- Q) Were you at the League of Arizona Cities Conference as a professional representative?
 - o A) I was there as a professional guest.
- Q) Were you there as a representative of Arizona?
 - o A) Yes, correct.

Question asked by Representative Mathis:

- Q) Did you attend a meeting on January 9th, 2024, at Littleton School?
 - o A) I would like to focus on this meeting. I am choosing not to answer

(Representative Mathis addressing Chairman Chaplik) It is my understanding Representative Sun did attend the January 9th, 2024, Littleton School Board meeting. It is also my understanding she engaged in behavior to be characterized as intimidating and retaliation towards one of our previous witnesses. This is why I wanted to raise the question. Thank you.

Representative Sun's Closing Statement:

(Representative Sun) As you have witnessed, I have come forward and answered all questions to the best of my ability. I have shown respect to you and this institution we are blessed to serve. In no way have I brought shame or disrespect to this institution, and I consider it a privilege to be able to perform the people's work. We all know being an elected official can invite sharp and unwanted attacks. In the political arena, you develop thick skin. We are still human and can become hurt when we feel those close to us are being targeted. This is how I felt in Tucson. As some of you know I am a mother to a teenager. I received a call from a teenage mentee, who also worked on my campaign, stating he was afraid. He just learned he was being prosecuted by the county for allegedly stealing campaign signs. He had nothing to do with this.

Chairman Chaplik intervened asking to keep the statement to today's hearing.

(Representative Sun) This is what was shared in the conversation with HBS employees.

Chairman Chaplik granted Representative Sun to proceed.

(Representative Sun) He was charged in Tolleson, and his case was escalated to the county level. The charges were eventually dropped. I felt the situation was an attack on me (by the city of Tolleson) through him and I was livid. I am allowed to be livid when someone close to me is

threatened which affects the trajectory of his future. When Ms. Goodman approached me that day, they did not need an introduction to the Mayor of Tolleson or Pilar Sinwai as she claims, she has been a lobbyist long enough to know both of them. Of all the five cities I represent, Tolleson has a small population of 7,000 (sic) which did not seem relevant to the discussion. She had heard about our disagreement from the incident report. The injunction had not yet been filed. The incident was leaked to the public. Ms. Goodman brought up Tolleson to taunt me. Her demeanor was obvious.

Attorney Josh Grabel interrupts and voices concern to Chairman Chaplik.

Chairman Chaplik explains there were opportunities to ask questions, present evidence, and talk about the scenario of that day which you chose not to bring up. Please continue with your statement without stating how Ms. Goodman or her associate felt as you cannot determine their feelings. Please finish.

(Representative Sun) My comments are to explain my side of the story which is on my statement. Ms. Goodman's affidavit did not share my experience dealing with Tolleson officials. When I was previously in this room, I was asked what I learned. I have learned a lot from this experience. I especially learned not to take the bait.. (did not finish the sentence)

Attorney Josh Grabel interrupts and voices concern to Chairman Chaplik.

Chairman Chaplik rules in favor of Mr. Gabel. and instructs Representative Sun to refrain from making personal attacks about the witnesses during your closing statement.

(Representative Sun) Nonetheless, I did react with profanity. I was upset. Yes, I said if Ms. Sinwai was present, I would (explicit) slap her, but she was not there. I was being dramatic and was not a true threat. Again, I will note there was not a balcony in the room. My words were misconstrued and misrepresented. I do engage in colorful language at times. Ms. Goodman got what she wanted (interrupted by Vice-Chairman Grantham asking Chairman Chaplik to put a stop to Representative Sun's statement).

Chairman Chaplik ordered Representative Sun to close her statement as she was asked several times to stop with the personal attacks.

(Representative Sun) I thought that my conversation was private. My comments were heard by 3rd parties (interrupted by Attorney Josh Grabel).

Chairman Chaplik instructed the hearing was moving forward and has warned Representative Sun several times not to speak on behalf of Ms. Goodman and Ms. Ruiz's intentions during their meeting. By failing to keep her statement solely expressing her side of the story and stopped her from continuing her closing statement.

END OF WITNESS QUESTIONS

RECESS 12:02 PM

COMMITTEE CONVENES EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSULT WITH LEGAL COUNSEL 12:04 PM

(Chairman Chaplik) Members, at this time I believe it is appropriate to go into executive session to consult legal counsel. Once the executive session briefing is complete, we'll reconvene in an open session. Mr. Vice Chair, please move to go into executive session.

(Vice-Chairman Grantham) Mr. Chairman, I move that the House Ethics Committee go into executive session to consult legal counsel. Motion carried.

(Chairman Chaplik) Members, I will ask the pages to clear the room and the doors to be closed and posted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

12:32 PM

RECONVENED

12:33 PM

(Chairman Chaplik) ordered the room to be opened to the public

(Chairman Chaplik) Thanks the members and witnesses for their dedication and time to be present and for the care in considering all the evidence received today. As noted in the order adopted, any future hearings will be posted by a separate agenda. Without objection, we are adjourned (gavel).

ADJOURNED

12:33 PM

Stephanie Smith, Committee Secretary

January 25, 2024

State of Arizona House of Representatives Fifty-sixth Legislature Second Regular Session 2024

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

In the Matter of the Investigation of Complaint)	SPECIAL ORDER
against Representative LEEZAH SUN.)	RULE 15 HEARING
•)	01/25/2024
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AND NOW, in proceedings before the House Ethics Committee in the matter of Representative Sun, the Committee has received a complaint from Representatives L. Contreras, De Los Santos, Gutierrez, and M. Hernandez dated November 2, 2023, (formally presented on November 6, 2023) and response from Representative Sun dated November 13, 2023, and pursuant to Rule 15, Ethics Committee Rules of Procedure, hearing being set for January 25, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. House Hearing Room 4, and upon adoption of this Special Order by the Committee:

IT IS THE ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE that:

- 1. One hour will be the time allotted to this hearing, unless in the discretion of the Chairman additional time is necessary. The Rule 15 hearing in this matter is not a court proceeding and the Rules of Evidence do not apply.
- 2. The business before the Committee shall be:
 - a. Introduction and comments by the Chairman.
 - b. Review of the list of exhibits to be considered by the Committee.
 - c. Distribution of the materials to the Committee and Rep. Sun.
 - d. Questions to Liz Goodman.
 - e. Questions to Kayla Destiny Ruiz Davidian.
 - f. Questions to Rep. Leezah Sun.
- 3. Subject to the discretion of the Chairman, and pursuant to Rule 15, Rep. Sun shall be permitted to present testimonial evidence within the scope of the hearing's purpose and to



cross-examine witnesses within the scope of the answers that they provide to the committee's questions.

- 4. Subject to the discretion of the Chairman, and pursuant to Rule 15, Rep. Sun shall be permitted to examine exhibits under consideration by the Committee.
- 5. The Committee may go into executive session or recess and reconvene as appropriate.
- 6. At the conclusion of the hearing, the matter will be taken under advisement.
- 7. Notice of any future hearings will be posted by separate agenda.

January 25, 2024

kep. Joseph Chaplik, Chairman

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I, Elizabeth Goodman, am over 18 years of age and of sound mind and body, and declare under penalty of perjury as follows:

- I am a Managing Principal with Husch Blackwell Strategies ("HBS"), a government affairs and consulting firm. I primarily work and am based in Phoenix, Arizona.
- If called to testify before any governmental entity or judicial proceeding in Arizona, I would testify consistently with the statements below.
- 3. On August 30, 2023, I and two others, Kayla Destiny Ruiz Davidian and a client, attended the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Conference at the JW Marriott Resort in Tucson, Arizona ("the Conference"). While at the Conference, we met as a group with Arizona State Representative Leezah Sun ("Rep. Sun").
- 4. Our group requested this meeting to inform Rep. Sun of an opportunity that our client could provide to certain parts of her district, specifically to the City of Tolleson. This was the first time I had ever met Rep. Sun.
- 5. After discussing the potential opportunity, I asked Rep. Sun if she would be willing to introduce us to either Tolleson's Mayor or Tolleson's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs.
- 6. In response, Rep. Sun indicated that the person she thought we were asking her to introduce us to was Pilar Sinawi ("Ms. Sinawi"), the City of Tolleson's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs. Rep. Sun then, unprompted, stated that if she saw Ms. Sinawi at the Conference, she "would bitch slap her, throw her over the balcony and kill her." We were all taken aback by the statement, as it was out of context given the nature of the meeting.

- 7. Rep. Sun continued for a short time and, still unprompted, made numerous other negative comments about other staff members from the City of Tolleson.
- 8. Given the comments from Rep. Sun, we decided to wrap the meeting up quickly. After leaving the meeting, we all noted how strange and uncomfortable this interaction had been, and decided not to interact with Rep. Sun again related to this issue.
- 9. On or around September 7, 2023, I received an unsolicited call from Ms. Sinawi. She indicated that she heard about Rep. Sun's comments at the Conference and asked for confirmation that: (1) the comments were made; and (2) whether the comments were the sort of threat that should give Ms. Sinawi concern about her physical safety. Based on both my personal recollection of what Rep. Sun said and how she said it, I responded "yes" to both questions from Ms. Sinawi.
- 10. Ms. Sinawi then asked if I would provide a statement to the Tolleson Police Department ("TPD"), specifically TPD Lieutenant Lee Garrett ("Lt. Garrett"), documenting what had been said. I expressed concern about retaliation from Rep. Sun on both a personal and professional level, given the violent nature of the comments and the fact that my job involves working with public officials in Arizona like Rep. Sun.
- 11. Despite these concerns, TPD and Ms. Sinawi still asked me to provide a statement for the record. To accommodate their request, I asked if I could provide the statement anonymously, and Lt. Garrett indicated this would be sufficient. As a result, I gave what I believed to be an anonymous statement to Lt. Garrett shortly after the initial call from Ms. Sinawi.
- 12. I have not spoken publicly about the incident since giving the statement to Lt. Garrett.
- 13. To my knowledge, my statement remained anonymous until Rep. Sun specifically referenced me in a public statement responding to the injunction against workplace harassment that I understand was filed against Rep. Sun by Ms. Sinawi and

1	two other individuals. At the time, I did not confirm or deny the statement to any third-
2	party.
3	14. My statement and my identity were then again publicly disclosed during the
4	Arizona State of Representatives Ethics Committee ("the Committee") hearing related to
5	Rep. Sun's expulsion on December 18, 2023. I was not asked to attend that hearing.
6	15. Subsequently, I was asked by the Chair to provide testimony to the
7	Committee. I intend to fully cooperate with that request.
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9	I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
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11	SUBSCRIBED, SWORN TO AND ACKNOWLEDGE this 3th day of Januar
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14	By: Will Goodman
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16	State of Arizona)
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19	On January 3024, before me personally appeared Elizabeth Goodman, whos
20	identity was proven to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person who sh
21	claims to be, and acknowledged that she signed the above document.
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25	(seal) Notary Public Signature
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27	My Commission #619673 My Commission Expires December 7, 2025
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DECLARATION OF KAYLA DESTINY RUIZ DAVIDIAN

I, Kayla Destiny Ruiz Davidian, I am over 18 years of age and of sound mind and body, and declare under penalty of perjury as follows:

- 1. I am an associate with Husch Blackwell Strategies ("HBS") and work with Elizabeth Goodman ("Ms. Goodman"). HBS is a government affairs and consulting firm.
- 2. I live and work in Phoenix, Arizona. If called to testify before any governmental entity or judicial proceeding in Arizona, I would testify consistently with what the statements below.
- 3. On August 30, 2023, as part of my job duties, I, along with Ms. Goodman and an HBS client, attended the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Conference at the JW Marriott Resort in Tucson, Arizona ("the Conference"). While at the Conference, we met as a group with Arizona State Representative Leezah Sun ("Rep. Sun").
- 4. We had requested this meeting to inform Rep. Sun about an opportunity that our client could provide to certain parts of her district, specifically to the City of Tolleson. This was the first time I had ever met Rep. Sun.
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