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City Clerk
City of Indio
100 Civic Center Mall
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Re: Planning Commissioner Sam Torres

To The City of Indio:

Please be advised that our office represents and protects the interests of Mr. & Mrs. Nachhattar Chandi, as well as the Chandi Group USA (collectively hereinafter referred to as “Chandi”), the owner and developer of the projects commonly referred to as “Golf Center,” “Jefferson North Gate,” and “Gurdwara” (collectively “Projects”). Be advised that our client submits its objection to the appointment of Sam Torres as a Planning Commissioner. Further, our client hereby places in any and all administrative records involving said Projects, that Mr. Torres is openly and unequivocally biased against Chandi and the Projects, and therefore must recuse himself from any and all votes or public hearings involving our client’s Projects, including, but not limited to, any entitlements and/or permits contained therein, and any projects to be constructed in the future.

Examples of Mr. Torres continued harassment include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Continuous disparaging, defamatory statements of and about Mr. Chandi made to local businessmen and businesswomen throughout the community.
2. Improper and unfounded claims, on the record, regarding the Projects during quasi-judicial proceedings.
3. Extensive interference with business contracts and substantial interference with prospective economic business relations.
4. Extreme and outrageous conduct toward Mrs. Chandi at business events.

5. Intentional interference at construction sites - violation of the right of privacy to construction workers.
6. Malicious attacks on Social Media platforms regarding Mr. Chandi, Chandi Group USA and the Projects.
7. And, the most egregious to date, Mr. Torres' conduct, behavior and statements at the Planning Commission hearing held on March 13, 2019 – the audio/visual speaks for itself.

While it is fully understood that Mr. Torres has his First Amendment rights and is entitled to his opinions, the fact remains Mr. Torres clearly and unequivocally is biased against the Chandis and said Projects. It is clear that Mr. Torres cannot be, and will not be, a fair and impartial decision-maker and thus, our client's rights to due process will be violated should Mr. Torres take part in any vote concerning our client and/or the Projects. Based upon Mr. Torres' past communications and positions regarding our client's Projects, it is clear to us that Mr. Torres is unable to make an objective and unbiased decision regarding our clients and/or the Projects. Chandi has the right to unbiased Planning Commission rulings on its Projects. For that reason, a standing objection to Mr. Torres voting on ANY item involving Chandi and/or the Projects is hereby tendered to the City of Indio and it is requested that any and all future administrative records and Staff Reports pertaining to any Chandi project, including the Projects set forth above, include a copy of this letter of objection to ensure its inclusion in the administrative record. Should you care to discuss the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

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