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MEMORANDUM

To: Councilmember Soria

Re: Marriage and Conflicts Issues

In November 2021 you and Terance Frazier, a local business person, had a wedding ceremony in Mexico. However, the wedding did not result in a "legal" marriage because it was not registered there according to the laws of Mexico, nor here in California. In other words, the legal relationship, duties and obligations as between you and Mr. Frazier have not changed based on conducting a wedding ceremony at which you and Mr. Frazier were not legally married.

For California conflicts of interest purposes under the Political Reform Act and Government Code section 1090, a ceremonial wedding without a legal marriage will require you to recuse yourself and not participate in any City matters involving Terance Frazier or any entity in which he has a financial interest but will not prohibit the City from contracting with his entities.

When matters affecting him or his businesses come before Council, you are legally required to announce your recusal due to the conflict and leave the room just before the item is heard.

If at some point there is a legal marriage, please let us know and we can advise on additional limitations and actions required.

If there is any additional information we can provide or should you wish to discuss this, please let me know. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Douglas T. Sloan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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