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October 15, 2025

Honorable Andrea Valencia
City Clerk - City of Chicago
121 N. LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Re: **Rule 14 – Franklin Paz v. City of Chicago**
Committee on Finance Recusal of Vote

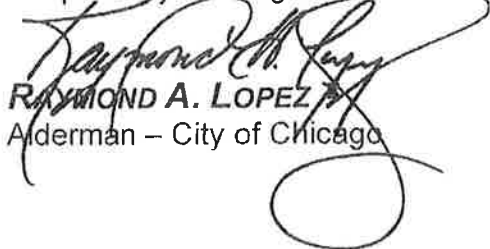
Clerk Valencia:

Pursuant to Rule 14 of the 2023-2027 City Council Rules of Order & Procedure, as well as the Chicago Municipal Code, kindly accept this written notice of my recusal on the aforementioned matter.

Out of an abundance of caution related to the relationship I have with the plaintiff, I have recused myself on the "Do Pass" motion in the Committee on Finance on October 15, 2025, and will do the same during the Committee Reports of the City Council on October 16, 2025.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Until then, I remain,

Respectfully Serving the 15th Ward


RAYMOND A. LOPEZ
Alderman – City of Chicago

Cc: Committee on Finance

BILL CONWAY
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AND BUILDING STANDARDS

Re: Rule 14 - Franklin Paz v. City of Chicago, Case No. 2021 L 000514

Clerk Valencia,

Pursuant to Rule 14, kindly accept this written notice of my recusal on the aforementioned matter.

Out of an abundance of caution related to my work with Deputy Chief Barz as an Assistant States Attorney and as an Alderman, I have recused myself from this matter during the Committee on Finance on October 15, 2025 and will do the same at the October 16, 2025 City Council meeting.

Thank you,

Bill Conway
Alderman, 34th Ward

NICHOLAS SPOSATO
ALDERMAN, 38TH WARD

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October 17, 2025

Mr. Steven Berlin
Executive Director
Board of Ethics
740 N. Sedgwick Street
5th Floor
Chicago, IL 60654-8488

RE: the Franklin La Paz vote

Dear Executive Director Berlin,

This letter is to inform you that I recused myself from the vote on the Franklin La Paz case in the City Council meeting of October 16, 2025 due to my personal relationship with Mike Barz. I knew and worked with then Captain Barz when he was stationed in the 16th Police District and also when he was Commander of the 18th District.

If any further clarification is needed, please don't hesitate to contact me at my office at 773-283-3838 or on my cell phone at 773-616-3636.

Sincerely,


Nicholas Sposato
Alderman, 38th Ward

NSS/mg

cc: Peter Polacek/ City Clerk

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JAMES M. GARDINER
ALDERMAN, 45TH WARD

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AND RECREATION

October 20, 2025

Anna M. Valencia
City Clerk, City of Chicago
City Hall – Room 107
121 North LaSalle Street
Chicago, IL 60602

Re: Rule 14 Disclosure – Recusal from Vote

Dear City Clerk Valencia,

Pursuant to Rule 14 of the City Council Rules of Order and Procedure, please be advised that I, Alderman James M. Gardiner (45th Ward), previously recused myself from participation and voting on a matter before the City Council relating to a lawsuit filed by Lt. Franklin Paz Jr. I recused myself because I know Commander Michael Barz, who is involved in this matter. This disclosure is being made in accordance with Rule 14 to document the reason for my recusal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James M. Gardiner", written over a horizontal line.

James M. Gardiner
Alderman, 45th Ward