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TO: Phaedra Norton, City Attorney
FROM: John Lazar, Mayor
DATE: May 29, 2009
SUBJECT: Councilmember Jackson

Pursuant to the City of Turlock Code of Conduct for Elected Officials, I have investigated allegations by other council members as to the misconduct by Council Member Mary Jackson.

Based upon two meetings with Council Member Jackson, and subsequent discussions with individuals associated with the allegations, I find there to be no legitimacy to the contention that the Council Member leaked information as to the identity of the candidates for city manager.

Furthermore, in a recent meeting I had with incoming City Manager, Roy Wasden, Mr. Wasden indicated he himself had shared information with Modesto City Management staff as to his intentions to seek employment outside Modesto.

With respect to allegations of making representations before a governmental body without identifying herself as a citizen and not a council member, Ms. Jackson recognizes the need to do so in the future. It was not her intent to mislead anyone.

Finally, Ms. Jackson supports the Council Code of Conduct and will adhere to its precepts. She recognizes as her council colleagues, the importance of the confidentiality of information shared in closed-door sessions, as well as following appropriate council edict. It is her wish, as it is mine, that we can put this matter behind us and address policy matters important to the citizens of Turlock.

Please direct Council questions to me for attention.

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