



January 20, 2026
Re: Formal Reprimand

Councilmember Gold,

This letter is regarding comments made during Item 5.A. at the January 13, 2026, Regular Meeting of City Council, and your subsequent related social media posts. As Council President, I find your in-person comments and social media comments, referencing the comments and actions of Councilmember Donelson, to be in violation of the Rules and Procedures of City Council. Specifically, Councilmember Donelson made comments regarding his support of ICE and then exited Council Chambers.

Your conduct violates Rule 7-8, "Decorum," of the Rules and Procedures of City Council, which states:

7-8 DECORUM (2021)

A. Councilmembers should strive to develop an atmosphere of civility that is respectful of diverse opinions. Councilmembers should act with decency towards other Councilmembers, staff, and members of the public at all times. A Councilmember should not impugn or demean another Councilmember, staff or member of the public. Councilmembers should be welcoming to other Councilmembers, staff, and members of the public. Every effort should be made to be fair and impartial in listening to other Councilmembers, staff, and members of the public. Councilmembers should be aware of body language, tone of voice, and word choice as not to appear intimidating or aggressive towards other Councilmembers, staff, or members of the public. Councilmembers should not make personal comments about other Councilmembers or their opinions and actions that may be perceived as derogatory or defamatory.

As Council President, I am issuing this formal reprimand pursuant to Rule 7-7, "Code of Conduct," of the Rules and Procedures of City Council. Rule 7-7 (G) states that "Violations of decorum or conduct of Councilmembers shall be resolved by the President."

As Council President, I am requesting that you refrain from making future public comments or social media posts regarding your fellow Councilmember's comments and actions during Item 5.A. Further, as Council President, I request that in the future, you abide by Rule 7-8, "Decorum," of the Rules and Procedures of City Council.



COLORADO SPRINGS
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Sincerely,

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Council President

In Support,

Brian Risley
Council President Pro Tem

Tom Bailey
Councilmember District 2

Brandy Williams
Councilmember District 3

Roland Rainey
Councilmember District 6

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Councilmember At Large