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The International City

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CITY REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT NO. 6

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Ms. Martinez,

Any person reporting news knows that it should be impartial and unbiased. It is apparent that you are not such a person, as your self-described "newscast" was filled with your personal opinion and incorrect characterizations of my votes and positions on issues coming before City Council.

I take great offense at your statement that I refuse to do my job. Contrary to your erroneous statement that I vote no on everything, if you had done your job and report "the news" you would know that I actually vote yes more often than I vote no. My no votes generally receive more media attention because they are often in response to controversial issues that are opposed by my constituents. Contrary to your assertions, I am one of the few members of council who consistently listens to his constituents, and believes that they are intelligent enough to weigh in on important financial matters that will impact our community for generations to come, unlike my colleagues, who believe that their constituents are not sophisticated enough to make these decisions for themselves. If my constituents believed that I was not doing my job, I would not have been re-elected with 64.8% of the vote. Unlike people like you, who are apparently happy to have important decisions made for you, my constituents want to be allowed to participate in the governmental process, and believe that they should be able to have a voice in decisions that will cost them millions of dollars.

I was in fact elected to vote no when an item is not favorable to my constituents and not supported by them. Unlike other members of council, I am not a rubber stamp, and am **proud** not to be one. I have never been afraid to take controversial positions, and always explain why I have done so. Just because you may not agree does not change the fact that much of my job is to vote no when it is the will of my constituents.

Again, if you were a true journalist and investigated your assertions prior to making them, you would know full well that I do not support the building of a stadium downtown, the financial package that has been gift-wrapped for private investors, or the demolition of City Hall. I have no idea what in my public statements you could possibly be construing as "wishy-washy," but clearly, you should pay more attention to the newscasts of real reporters. While it is true that I believe that decisions of this financial magnitude should go to the voters, I have always been firm in my opposition to all of the ordinances/resolutions passed by council regarding this specific project.

I am not sure why someone would have called and said they were from my staff, as my City Hall staff knows not to engage with the media and I do not have any campaign staff as my current term does not expire until 2015, but I am glad to hear that the citizens of this city are willing to stand up to people like you, who believe that the taxpayers of this city should just allow themselves to be trampled on and taken advantage of in order to serve the financial interests of a few.

I am used to being criticized by people who make generalizations about my positions, and who are often incorrect about them, and frankly am not bothered by this. However, when you publicly state that I vote no "on everything" and do not do the job that I was elected to do, I recommend that you have concrete examples and be ready to defend your position face-to-face. I would be more than happy to debate these issues with you in a public forum or on the air, so that you are not able to simply hide behind your statements by posting them on a website or hiding behind a microphone. If you are courageous enough and up to the challenge, you may contact my office at 915-541-4178 and schedule a debate with me on your show at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Holguin" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eddie Holguin
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Cc: Brad Dubow