

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to formally express my distress and file a complaint regarding an experience I recently had with a staff member managing Imelda Padilla's social media account. Attached is a screenshot of the social media manager's response to my request for a response to an email I sent to CD6. As you will see, the individual responded with the comment, "Better luck next time when applying for an internship." This remark was rude, disrespectful, and entirely inappropriate. It was unnecessary, humiliating, and unprofessional, and it fell far below the standard of conduct I would expect from someone representing a public official. The manager clearly knew it was out of line, as they have since deleted the post and taken the page down, but luckily, I got a screenshot as proof of this incident. I previously applied for an internship with Council District 6 because I genuinely wanted the opportunity to serve my community. Although I was not selected, I completely respected that decision and have never held it against anyone. Since then, I have been fortunate to pursue other meaningful opportunities, including serving as the San Fernando Valley Governing Board Intern for the South Coast Air Quality Management District, USC CLEAN's Community Engagement Intern, and an intern with the Shift Our Way Collective (supporters of Imelda Padilla and have let them know about this situation). I would never include my credentials to defend myself. However, the social media manager's comment clearly appears to mock the fact that I was not selected for the CD6 internship. Such behavior is disrespectful, immature, and inappropriate for someone representing a public figure. The only people who interviewed me and would know such facts are Lamont Cobb, Paulina Velasco, and Andres Sandavol. I am writing this as I have never had a personal conversation with Imelda Padilla, and she probably has no idea I have even applied for the internship, so I am concerned I am being singled out and discriminated against. I want to make it clear that I do not believe Imelda Padilla herself would engage in this type of behavior. However, the individual managing her social media account demonstrated a level of unprofessionalism that raises serious concerns about their judgment and qualifications to represent her publicly. While I understand this is part of her campaign and not an official Council District 6

account, the actions of campaign staff still reflect directly on Ms. Padilla and affect the public's perception of her leadership. The reason I initially reached out was that I have been waiting for more than a month for a response from Bryan Vieyra regarding a request for assistance with improving pedestrian safety by adding a crosswalk or pedestrian walkway at Art Street and San Fernando Road. If assistance is not possible, I fully understand. All I was seeking was a response. After waiting over a month without communication, I attempted to follow up through social media, only to be met with disrespect instead of assistance. This type of conduct is unacceptable. Members of the public should be able to ask questions or request assistance without being mocked or subjected to personal attacks. Regardless of any prior interactions, every constituent deserves to be treated with professionalism and respect. I respectfully request that this matter be reviewed, that appropriate accountability be taken regarding the staff member's conduct, and that I be allowed to schedule a meeting to discuss this incident further. My intention is not to create conflict but to ensure that members of the public are treated with the dignity and professionalism they deserve. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response. I am also adding some newspapers and reporting stations, as I feel they should be aware of this situation.



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imeldapadillacd6 It's important for me that everyone know I am here to be responsive of questions. Please reach out and let us/me know what you'd like to know about my story and vision for the district.

November 10, 2022

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Hi, I have been trying to get a response from your office for the last month through email. Can I ask what is taking so long? I would appreciate communication- Itzel Najera (inajera@usc.edu) if you want to look for my email



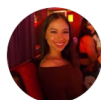
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[@itzzzeell](#) [@itzzzeell](#) this is a campaign page. Cases are not handled on here. We have sent this to the official team; apparently more than one staffer has replied to you. IG campaign page is not reviewed for case management. Also, better luck next time when applying for an internship.



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