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Subject: Re: Notice of Special Meeting - Name Clearing Hearing
Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 9:34:14 AM
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Ms. Cranford,

Thank you for your prior correspondence and for the City's attention to the Charter/Ethics complaints arising out of the December 4, 2025 meeting, those complaints have now been dismissed.

I am writing to clarify that my January 26, 2026 Notice of Claim regarding the stigmatizing statements and procedural deficiencies associated with Agenda Item X.4 on December 4, 2025 has not been substantively addressed. That Notice was independent of the Charter/Ethics complaints and requested corrective action and resolution concerning reputational harm and due process concerns stemming from the manner in which the Council handled Item X.4.

I have not received a formal response, identified corrective action, or a proposed path to resolution. The 30-day period referenced in my Notice has elapsed; however, I allowed additional time to avoid duplicative proceedings while the complaint process ran its course.

Please advise by close of business Friday whether the City intends to engage in resolution discussions consistent with the Notice of Claim, and if so, identify the City's designated point of contact and proposed next steps.

Absent a timely response and an acceptable path to resolution, I will proceed with evaluating and pursuing available remedies.

Respectfully,

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Dear Mr. Benefield:

The City of Lago Vista is in receipt of your letter dated January 26, 2026, seeking a name clearing hearing related to events which occurred at the City of Lago Vista City Council meeting which occurred on December 4, 2025. As you know, there are also pending complaints filed by Robert Owen and Gene Harris regarding your actions at that meeting. To resolve your request and meet the City's ordinance requirements for a preliminary hearing on the pending complaints, we are tentatively scheduling a special meeting on **Monday, March 2, 2026**, with the time pending. Per the City's ordinance, you may appear and present any evidence you believe relevant to the underlying complaint(s) and associated matters. Because Mr. Bullock is named in your complaint, Messer Fort partner Art Rodriguez will be appearing on behalf of the City. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

KIND REGARDS,

MELISSA H. CRANFORD
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