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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2026-191

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY CENSURING ASSEMBLY**
2 **MEMBER GEORGE MARTINEZ BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF THE ALASKA**
3 **PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION AND REAFFIRMING THE ASSEMBLY'S**
4 **COMMITMENT TO CAMPAIGN-FINANCE INTEGRITY AND THE AUTHORITY**
5 **OF THE COMMISSION.**
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8 **WHEREAS**, public confidence in the Anchorage Assembly depends on every
9 member's adherence to the campaign-finance and ethics laws of the State of
10 Alaska; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, the Alaska Public Offices Commission is the independent state body
13 charged with administering and enforcing those laws; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, on June 15, 2026 the Commission issued a final order finding that
16 Assembly Member George Martinez made campaign expenditures that were not
17 legitimate campaign expenses and that personally benefited him; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, the Commission found that those expenditures personally benefited
20 Assembly Member Martinez, including his personal travel account and airline status;
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23 **WHEREAS**, the Commission further found that the sworn testimony provided by
24 Assembly Member Martinez concerning those expenditures was not credible,
25 describing that testimony in its final order as "formulaic and evasive" and citing his
26 "persistent refusal to directly answer simple questions from Commissioners"; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, the Commission ordered Assembly Member Martinez to repay his
29 campaign the expenses, and imposed the maximum civil penalty available; and

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31 **WHEREAS**, the Assembly finds that the gravity of this matter is established not by
32 the existence of a campaign-finance violation alone, but by the specific combination
33 of findings in this case: that the expenditures were not legitimate campaign
34 expenses, that they personally benefited the member, that the member's sworn
35 testimony concerning them was found not credible, and that the Commission
36 imposed the maximum available penalty; and

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38 **WHEREAS**, Assembly Member Martinez has publicly stated that he will comply fully
39 with the Commission's decision; and

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41 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Assembly has the authority to censure one of its own

1 members, and censure is the appropriate means by which the body may signal to
2 the community that it does not condone the actions of a member while respecting
3 the will of the voters who elected that member; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, censure is a formal, on-the-record expression of a legislative body's
6 disapproval, is distinct from and far short of removal, and the United States Supreme
7 Court has affirmed the authority of elected bodies to censure their own members;
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10 **WHEREAS**, the Assembly's purpose in this action is not to punish any individual but
11 to protect public trust in this institution and to affirm that the same standards apply
12 to every member without exception;
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14 **WHEREAS**, where the voters of a district come to believe they have lost trust in the
15 member they elected, the laws of the Municipality and the State reserve to those
16 voters their own means of recourse, including the power of recall; and
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18 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**
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20 **Section 1.** The Assembly hereby censures Assembly Member George Martinez
21 for the conduct found by the Alaska Public Offices Commission in its June 15, 2026
22 order.
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24 **Section 2.** The Assembly affirms that this censure reflects the specific and
25 serious findings described above, including the finding that Assembly Member
26 Martinez's sworn testimony was not credible and the imposition of the maximum
27 penalty, and does not express any view that inadvertent or technical compliance
28 errors warrant such action.
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30 **Section 3.** The Assembly acknowledges Assembly Member Martinez's stated
31 intention to comply with the Commission's order and encourages his timely
32 completion of the repayment the Commission directed.
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34 **Section 4.** The Assembly intends this censure as its complete and proportionate
35 response to this matter. Upon Assembly Member Martinez's full compliance with the
36 Commission's order, the Assembly considers the matter closed and contemplates
37 no further action arising from the conduct addressed in the Commission's order.
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39 **Section 5.** The Municipal Clerk shall enter this resolution into the official record
40 of the Assembly.
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42 **Section 6.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and
43 approval by the Assembly.
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45 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day
46 of _____, 2026.
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Chair of the Assembly

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ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk

