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COMPLAINT

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1. PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT:

Name: Sherry W. Hedden Telephone: (636) 236-5110
Address: 58 Ramblewood Dr.
City: Palm Coast County: Flagler State: FL ZIP: 32164

2. PERSON AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT:

Use a separate complaint form for each person against whom you are filing a complaint. (City Hall #)
Name: Theresa Pontieri Telephone: (386) 986-3702
Address: [REDACTED]
City: [REDACTED] County: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] ZIP: [REDACTED]
Title of office or position held or sought: Vice Mayor of Palm Coast (currently)
County Commissioner (candidate)

3. STATEMENT OF FACTS:

Please provide a full explanation of your complaint, describing the facts and the actions of the person named above and why you believe he or she violated the law, and include a statement of how you became aware of these facts. Include relevant dates and the names and addresses of people whom you believe may be witnesses. Please do not submit more than 15 pages, including this form. Please do not submit video or audio tapes, CD, DVDs, flash drives, or other electronic media; such material will not be considered part of the complaint and will be returned.

4. OATH:

I, the person bringing this complaint, do swear or affirm that the facts set forth in the foregoing complaint and attachments thereto are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

STATE OF Florida
COUNTY OF Flagler

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by
means of physical presence or online notarization,
this 25th day of March, 20 26,
by Sherry W. Hedden
(name of person making statement)

Sherry W. Hedden
SIGNATURE OF COMPLAINANT

Michelle Lisandrillo
MICHELLE LISANDRILLO
(Signature of Notary Public)
Notary Public
State of Florida
Comm# HH455130
Michelle Lisandrillo
Expires 11/5/2027
(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

Personally Known _____ OR Produced Identification
Type of Identification Produced: FL DL

March 9, 2026

I believe that Theresa Pontieri made an ethics violation by voting on the business of a campaign contributor. Business was brought before the city of Palm Coast, by ICI..

Mrs. Pontieri took five different contributions of 1000.00 each for her Flagler County Commissioner campaign.

Jax Construction Holdings
Mhk of Volusia County
Venture Development Realty Inc.
Galmor Holdings
Pioneer Investment Fo Port Ora

On February 3, 2026 business concerning ICI came before the city council. I watched this business meeting as it was live streamed. ICI was asking for a change in a development plan that was previously put into place; the developer sued the city in 2012 over zoning of the property which led to a legal settlement. The developer wanted to change lot size and add 13 more homes to the development.

Mrs. Pontieri did not disclose that she had received the contributions and did not abstain from discussion or voting on the first reading of the request of the business. She voted yes on the first reading. On February 17, 2026 the second reading of the business came before the council. I watched the live stream of this meeting as well. Mrs. Pontieri once again did not disclose the association she had with the developer. She discussed and voted yes on the business of ICI.

It is my belief that ICI received a gain from Mrs. Pontieri's discussion and vote.. I believe that this is in violation of Statute 112.314(3) of Florida law. Mrs. Pontieri acknowledged the contributions only after a constituent pointed it out in anger at the meeting. She said that she would be giving the contributions back, but not before voting yes in the business of the contributor. I believe that this action goes to possible influence by the contributor and a breach of the public's trust.

Best Regards,
Sherry Hedden

