

A Record of Ms. Sarah Mahir's Contempt for and Persistent Interruption of the Administrative Committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council

Whereas Ms. Sarah Mahir was selected in good faith to be one of four Representatives of the Community Board Members of the Venice Neighborhood Council's (VNC) Administrative Committee. (AdCom), the record recounts that she has acted in contempt of her duties to the point of obstructing the Committee's business and denigrating its Members and Chair, in violation of the Code of Conduct.

The follow examples of Ms. Mahir's deficient performance as representative of the Community Board Members are taken from the August 13, 2026 VNC AdComm alone.

Refusing to defer business to the meeting start

Ms. Mahir began interrupting the meeting before the Chair even called the meeting to order, even after being advised by the Chair that the meeting had no begun, delaying the start of the meeting.

Refusing to cast votes in accordance with VNC Bylaws

When asked to cast a vote, Ms. Mahir did not answer Yes, No, or Abstain in accordance with VNC Bylaws and Robert's Rules. Instead she appeared to use the opportunity to further debate the issues and admonish the chair. For example, when called on to vote, she instead responded, "Yeah, this is not David Feige and Associates, this is the VNC AdCom. What is happening right now that you feel like you can tell the Administrative Committee and members of this community that you are done hearing what we have to

say. What is that, David? This is absurd. This is honestly beyond absurd for Venice. We are not your employees, this is not your law firm, this is AdComm. This is insane.” The Chair was forced to suspend the Roll Call.

Improper Use of“ Points of Information” to deliver argument on the merits.

While the Chair was recognizing a member of the public who had been waiting to speak, Ms. Mahir obtained the Floor by calling out “Point of information.” When called on, instead of stating an inquiry she argued the merits of the pending Parking, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee motion, effectively silencing a Stakeholder. When the Chair explained that a point of information is to ask a procedural question, she ignored him, and responded, “Are you guys trying to open us up to a lawsuit? That’s my question, thank you!” Before continuing to extemporize on the merits of the agenda item.

Repeated interruption of the Chair during the reading of the text of the pending motions and other procedural actions

On three separate occasions during this meeting, the Chair asked Ms. Mahir to stop interrupting the reading of motion text, yet she persisted, and she contradicted the ruling of the Chair on the record without making an appeal. This pattern of interruption and disruption continued across the meeting including during remarks made by the Chair and other Committee Members.

Using recognized speaking time to lob personal attacks rather than addressing Committee business

When recognized to speak during Board comment, Ms. Mahir instead addressed Board President David Feige, “You just huff and puff and don’t give a crap what our community is saying.”

Declaring the Chair out of order after she was ruled out of order.

After interrupting the Chair five times and being declared Out of Order, Ms. Mahir contemptuously declared the Chair out of Order. The Chair was responding to a board member’s comment when Ms. Mahir interrupted him twice, prompting the Chair to state at “Don’t interrupt me, please.” She interrupted three more times. The Chair then ruled her Out of Order, at which point Ms. Mahir replied, “You’re out of order for what you’re doing to our community!”

This pattern of behavior and this type of conduct has happened regularly at AdCom meetings, delaying them, obstructing them and making them less productive. Our Community Officers deserve to be represented by Board Members who follow the rules and Bylaws and show respect to their Colleagues while voting their conscience.