

Motion to Censure Police Oversight Commissioner Richard Shine

Madam Chair, I am going to propose a motion to censure Commissioner Shine, which I have a right to do.

Madam Chair, I move the following resolution to censure:

Whereas, freedom of speech is vital in any Government process and being able to address the Government in a public forum is not only Constitutionally guaranteed, but also is a mechanism for the people to monitor, condemn, and correct government wrongdoing, and abuse of power.

Whereas, interfering with the speech of those seeking change can be harmful to any Government process.

Whereas, dictating what speech is acceptable and what is not is the hallmark of censorship.

Whereas, Government has no power to restrict expression because of its message, its ideas, its subject matter, or its content.

Whereas, during public comment of the Police Oversight Commission meeting on December 13, 2012 Commissioner Shine publicly and loudly told numerous citizens that

“You do not have an unlimited right to come up and speak about anything you want, and say anything you want, during public comment.”

Whereas, The *Albuquerque Journal* editorial on December 18, 2012 was titled “Police Oversight Panel Loses All Credibility” because of Commissioner Shine’s comments during the December 13, 2012 meeting.

Whereas, Commissioner Shine on November 6, 2012 stated during the Police Oversight Commission meeting that the overwhelming majority are all justified shootings, without having heard any evidence in any future shooting to be brought before the Commission.

Whereas, Commissioner Shine, through his unbearably long winded motions, manipulations and superior attitude, a once smooth flowing process has essentially ground the Police Oversight Function to a halt.

Whereas, Commissioner Shine has been conceited, arrogant and condescending to fellow Commissioners, IRO staff and the public.

Whereas, such conduct is detrimental to the organization; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that Commissioner Richard Shine be censured.