

COLORADO INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Complaint No. 21-18

ORDER REGARDING MOTION TO STAY

IN THE MATTER OF: TINA PETERS

On August 27, 2021, Anne Landman (“Complainant”) filed a complaint against Mesa County Clerk and Recorder Tina Peters (“Respondent”) with the Independent Ethics Commission (“Commission”). At its November 16, 2021, meeting, the IEC voted to find the complaint non-frivolous pursuant to § 5(3)(b) of Article XXIX of the Colorado Constitution and IEC Rule 7.G.

Respondent filed her response to the complaint on December 16, 2021, requesting that the case be stayed pending outcome of concurrent criminal and Secretary of State investigations. Complainant filed a reply to that request for relief on January 2, 2022. At its January 18, 2022 meeting, the Commission construed Respondent’s response as a motion to stay (“Motion”) and Complainant’s reply as a response to the Motion. At its February 15, 2022 meeting, the Commission heard oral argument on the Motion.

The Motion is GRANTED pursuant to the criteria outlined in *People v. Shifrin*, 342 P.3d 506, 513 (Colo. App. 2014) and IEC Rule 7.H.3. This case will remain stayed until the grand jury reaches a decision regarding whether to return an indictment in the ongoing criminal investigation pending in Mesa County. Respondent is instructed to provide regular updates regarding those criminal proceedings to the Commission’s staff.

SO ORDERED,

THE INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION

Elizabeth Espinosa Krupa, *Chair*, dissenting

Selina Baschiera, *Commissioner*, dissenting

Annie Kao, *Commissioner*

Cole Wist, *Commissioner*

Sarah Mercer, *Commissioner*

DATED: February 16, 2022