

Opinion of the City of Rochester Board of Ethics
Opinion Number 2018-4
November 13, 2018
C18-1

Overview

On 1/01/2018, Rachel Barnhart ("Barnhart") submitted a request ("Request") (C18-1) for an advisory opinion from the Board of Ethics ("Board") of the City of Rochester ("City") concerning Mayor Warren's use of City connected social media. Specifically, Mayor Warren posted negative comments on Facebook commenting on Barnhart's requests for City records pursuant to New York State's Freedom of Information Law (FOIL).

Applicable Code of Ethics Provisions

None are cited in the Request. Barnhart alleges only that the Mayor "abused her power by attempting to silence a critic of her administration through defamation, intimidation and bullying."

Opinion

The Board determines that no violation of any specific provision of the Code of Ethics is cited and therefore the issue is beyond the scope of the Board's authority to consider.

(Ginett, Lee, Scott, Sierra, Steinbrenner, Weir)