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TO: Mayor Robinson and City Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Consideration of Appeal of Notice of Exclusion Issued by Mayor Robinson to Avrum (Alex) Tsimerman

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On November 21, 2025, Mayor Robinson issued a Notice of Exclusion to Avrum (Alex) Tsimerman. The exclusion order barred Mr. Tsimerman from attending Council meetings for a period of 180 days, or until May 20, 2026. Mayor Robinson based the exclusion order on repeated violations of Council rules of decorum. The violations involved engaging in speech and/or conduct that disrupted, disturbed, or otherwise impeded the orderly conduct of Council meetings.

Under Council rules of procedure in Resolution No. 10544, Mayor Robinson, the presiding officer, had authority to issue a notice of exclusion. In issuing the exclusion order, Mayor Robinson would have needed to consider these factors:

- The seriousness and number of disruptions or violations;
- Their impact on the orderly conduct of commission meetings;
- Whether the conduct threatens public safety; and
- The person's record of conduct at meetings.

Any person excluded from participation or attendance at future Council meetings could appeal the exclusion by submitting a written appeal stating the basis for the appeal to the City Clerk within six business days after the posting of the notice of the exclusion on the door of Room 1E-113.

Mr. Tsimerman submitted a timely appeal of the notice of exclusion on November 24, 2025. Tonight, Council would be considering Mr. Tsimerman's appeal by reviewing the notice of exclusion, including the reasons Mayor Robinson provided in issuing the exclusion order, and the written appeal, which was supposed to contain the basis for the appeal. The City Clerk had provided a copy of both the notice of exclusion and the appeal to Council. Council should not solicit any testimony or other information. After Council's review, Council would decide to either:

1. Deny the appeal (this would uphold the notice of exclusion); or
2. Grant the appeal (this would overturn the notice of exclusion)