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5 **BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE**

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9 IN THE MATTER OF HEIDI ALMASE,
10 Former Municipal Court Judge,
11 City of Las Vegas,
12 County of Clark,
13 State of Nevada,

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15 Respondent.

16 **VERIFIED RESPONSE AND ANSWER**

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18 COMES NOW, the Respondent HEIDI ALMASE, former Municipal Court Judge
19 for the City of Las Vegas, in Proper Person, and files the instant answer, defenses, and
20 mitigating circumstances in reference to the Formal Statement of Charges against her.
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FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

In answering the factual allegations set forth in the Formal Statement of Charges, the Respondent denies, in whole or part, she violated Canon 1, Rule 1.1 and Canon 4, Rule 4.1(A)(11) of the Revised Code of Judicial Conduct ("the Code").

COUNT ONE

In answering those allegations set forth in Count One, the Respondent does deny that she violated Canon 1, Rule 1.1, failing to comply with the law, including the Code; and Canon 4, Rule 4.1(A)(11), knowingly or with reckless disregard for the trust make any false or misleading statement. She further denies these referenced allegations by engaging in any or all, or any combination of, these rules.

As to Canon 1, Rule 1.2, failing to promote confidence in the judiciary; Canon 4, Rule 4.1(B), a Judge or judicial candidate shall take reasonable measures to ensure that other persons do not undertake, on behalf of the Judge or judicial candidate, any activities prohibited in paragraph A of Rule 4.1; and Rule 4.4(A), candidate to ensure campaign committee adheres to the Code and law, Respondent admits these allegations.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

Respondent asserts that Count One of the Formal Statement of Charges related to the violation of Canon One, Rule 1.1 and Canon 4, Rule 4.1(A)(11) fails to specifically identify how her conduct violated each of the cited Canons as alleged.

MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES

In answering the Formal Statement of Charges, the Respondent does assert that there are mitigating circumstances that are applicable to her including, but not limited to, the following:

1. The absence of any prior disciplinary record
2. The absence of dishonest or selfish motive
3. Immediate self-report as required by the Code with free and full disclosure

- 1 4. Public apology and remorse
- 2 5. Remedial measures related to campaign representative(s)
- 3 6. The imposition of other penalties against Respondent for acts set forth in the
- 4 Formal Statement of Charges
- 5 7. Cooperation with the Commission and its investigation
- 6 8. The Respondent's good character and good reputation
- 7 9. Any and all circumstances which the Respondent shall raise.

8 DATED this 2nd Day of May 2018.

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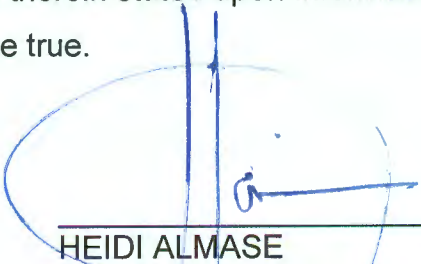
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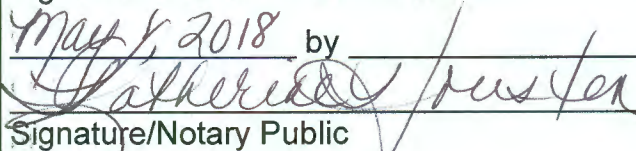
VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEVADA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF CLARK)

HEIDI ALMASE being duly sworn under penalty of perjury, deposes and says:
I am the Respondent herein, and I have read the foregoing Verified Response and Answer and know the contents thereof; that the pleading is true to the best of my own knowledge, except as to those matters therein stated upon information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.


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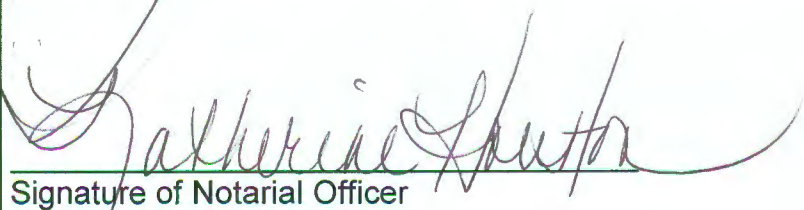
Signed and sworn to before me on

May 4, 2018 by 
Signature/Notary Public



STATE OF NEVADA)
) SS:
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On this 4 day of May, 2018, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, HEIDI ALMASE, known or proved to me to be the person who executed the foregoing Verified Response and Answer, and who acknowledged to me that she did so freely and voluntarily and for the uses and purposes herein stated.



Signature of Notarial Officer



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 2 day of May 2018, I, HEID ALMASE, caused to be served via email and by first class mail, a copy of the foregoing **VERIFIED RESPONSE AND ANSWER** with postage fully pre-paid thereon, by depositing the same with the U.S. Postal Service, addressed as follows:

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