

Statement:

- I am District 1 Councilman Billy Lerma.
- I am a former member of the United States Marine Corps, honorably discharged, and a retired United States Postal Service Employee.
- I was an elected member of the Tuloso-Midway Independent School District for over 20 years.
- I am currently an elected member of the Corpus Christi City Council serving the people of District 1.
- Each of these positions requires me to swear an oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, the State of Texas, and now the City of Corpus Christi.

- I have lived in Corpus Christi my entire life other than when serving my country, and I am a proud veteran of the United States Navy.
- I recently reported to law enforcement authorities' incidents regarding a candidate seeking my support for a re-appointment to the Port Commission.
- I feel I did the right thing. These incidents weighed heavily on my mind, and I believed I needed to come forward and discuss them with the proper law enforcement authorities.
- I'm not a Legal Expert, but I have placed this information with Legal Experts, and I know they will do the right thing and the public should respect the outcome of their decision
- Whatever their decision is, I will support it.

- I have always been proud to abide by the Constitution of the United States of America and I continue to do so as a Councilmember-with honor and integrity.
- And I thank you for your time