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**TORRANCE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSONERS  
RESOLUTION NO. R 2022- 51**

**A RESOLUTION FORMALLY CENSURING THE TORRANCE COUNTY CLERK  
YVONNE OTERO FOR WORKPLACE MISCONDUCT, MISTREATMENT OF  
SUBORDINATES, AND FOR NEGLIGENCE OR MALFEASANCE REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF VOTING MACHINES**

The Board of County Commissioners convened a Special Meeting October 3, 2022 following a complaint by an employee in the County Clerk's office and independent investigation into workplace misconduct related to the Complaint, and the following facts were found to be true, and:

Whereas, the Torrance County Clerk is an elected official, elected by the residents of Torrance County; and,

Whereas, that office assumes with it a solemn trust toward both the public and to employees of that office; and

Whereas, the independent investigation found that the Torrance County Clerk sparked a taser near the ear of a subordinate who had fallen asleep at work due to a known medical condition, in order to wake up the subordinate; and,

Whereas, the Torrance County Clerk also asked the same subordinate to obtain for the Clerk prescription narcotics from the subordinate's family member for whom the narcotics were prescribed; and

Whereas, the Torrance County Clerk admitted to the investigator to having used cocaine for the past six years; and,

Whereas, the Torrance County Clerk admitted to engaging in inappropriate sexual jokes and conduct; and,

Whereas, the Torrance County Clerk required employees to turn over their computer passwords and allowed a family member to access a Torrance County computer for personal use; and

Whereas, on September 29, 2022, when the Torrance County Clerk was under state statute obligated to observe the certification of voting machines, and immediately afterward to sign and seal the certification forms; and

Whereas, though absent from the certification process the Torrance County Clerk nevertheless filled out, signed and dated the certification forms prior to the technicians certifying the machines and without having witnessed the results of their work; and,

