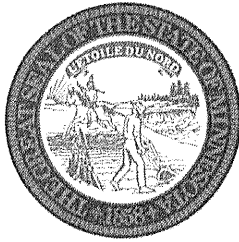


Eric Lucero
State Representative
District 30B



Minnesota House of Representatives

ETHICS COMPLAINT

FORMAL ETHICS COMPLAINT AGAINST REPRESENTATIVE JOHN THOMPSON DISTRICT 67A

Representative Eric Lucero

June 29, 2021

On Saturday, June 19, 2021, during a floor session for Special Session of the 92nd Legislature, Rep. John Thompson interrupted Rep. Eric Lucero while he had the floor. Rep. Thompson was ruled out of order and subsequently interjected, attacking Rep. Lucero by shouting "I know you're a racist!" (Ref. time stamp: 3:04:40-3:05:28.)

According to Rule 6.10 of the Minnesota House of Representatives Permanent Rules (2021-2022):

A complaint may be brought about conduct by a member that violates a rule or administrative policy of the House, that violates accepted norms of House behavior, that betrays the public trust, or that tends to bring the House into dishonor or disrepute.

Rep. Thompson's slanderous outburst directed at Rep. Lucero is in clear violation of the House of Representative's Code of Conduct Policy covering a Representative's duty to respect the principles of representative democracy, exemplify high personal integrity, and observe House Rules, which include Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure's Section 124 "Personalities Not Permitted in Debate."

On the day in question, Rep. Lucero was speaking in reference to Rep. O'Neill's A18 Amendment to the Rep. Bernardy Amendment to SSHF7 on the importance of supporting law enforcement officers, particularly the spouses and children of public safety officers killed in the line of duty. Rep. Lucero made reference to Rep. Thompson's well documented verbal attack directed at law enforcement and violent threats against the community of Hugo, Minnesota.

Without properly raising a point of order, Rep. Thompson interrupted Rep. Lucero three times with, "Are we speaking on the bill", followed by "I have about had enough of this", and a couple times more "Are we speaking on the bill" and "Please, somebody say something. Are we speaking on the bill?" Rep. Lucero requested the Speaker call Rep. Thompson out of order. Rep. Thompson, who was ruled out of order, continued to berate Rep. Lucero by yelling "Point of order" twice over Zoom, following each interruption with "I know you're a racist!"

Rep. Thompson's actions directed at a sitting Member on the floor of the House of Representatives bring absolute dishonor and disrepute to this body. Rep. Thompson's comments were destructive to the integrity of the body and its adopted code of conduct. They further, and most importantly, served to impugn Rep. Lucero's character. Such direct attempts by one Member to bully and intimidate another on the House floor cannot be tolerated; such undermining of the rules of legislative process must not stand. May this letter serve as a formal complaint under House Rule 6.10.

We swear that the statements in this formal complaint are true.

Handwritten signature of Eric Lucero in black ink.

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Handwritten signature of Marion O'Neill in black ink.

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Rep. Steve Green, District 02B

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