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Special Committee to Consider Miscellaneous Communications 1001 and 1002  
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This is a written response to your inquiry about us knowing the Rules for the House of Representatives, Part XIII, Code of Legislative Conduct, Rule 62. Standards of Conduct.

As both Carolyn and I mentioned, we couldn't remember Rule 62 and hadn't either looked for it recently or couldn't find it. However, after doing several website searches, I found the Rules.

As soon as I read 62.1 and 62.2 and showed them to Carolyn Golojuch, we recalled the District Council discussing these two topics, but not specifically related to the rule numbers. It was the consensus of the Council members that Representative Har may have violated 62.1 and or 62.2. Again, it was the content and not the rule numbers that were discussed. This is the primary reason the complaint was filed.

Those two rules are:


62.1 Standards of Conduct Members should conduct themselves in a respectful manner befitting the office with which they as elected officials have been entrusted, respecting and complying with the law and acting at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity of the House.


62.2 Members should not lend the prestige of public office to advance the private interests of themselves or others; nor should members convey or permit others to convey the impression that they are in a special position to unduly influence public business pending before them.

We believe the time lapse between our District Council meeting in February 2021, our initial submissions of March 5, 2021, and March 8, 2021, and now, April 13, 2022, we just forgot that it was Rule 62 that was discussed.

We are still not sure who was the first person that brought up the Standards of Conduct

Rules. We just know the contents of Rules 62.1 and 62.2 were discussed at the District Council meeting.

  
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