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Statement on House Ethics Meeting

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – State Representative Joseph Chaplik, Chairman of the House Ethics Committee, released a statement following today’s meeting on an ethics matter regarding Representative Liz Harris.

“It is the responsibility of the Ethics Committee to consider complaints that are submitted to the chairman by a House member accusing another member of behavior that violates [House Rules](#). It is not the Committee’s role to serve as a court of law, and today’s meeting was not a trial. It was strictly an opportunity for Committee members to formally hear from Representative Harris and gather facts in consideration of a specific and internal House matter: whether Representative Harris engaged in disorderly behavior in violation of House Rule 1. It is not within the scope or responsibility of the Ethics Committee to consider any collateral issues in this matter. As a House member, Representative Harris is entitled to due process, and today’s meeting of the Committee satisfied that constitutional guarantee. For now, the Committee has adjourned to allow the members to fully review the evidence and deliberate.”

Joseph Chaplik is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 3, which includes Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, and the Northeast Valley in Maricopa County. Follow him on Twitter at @JosephChaplik.

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